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A blood drive will be held in the Northville Hills Golf Club subdivision's fitness center (15561 Bay Hill Drive) from 1-7 p.m. on Thursday, March 11. For online registration, go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code NHGCS.

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Troops 4 Troops

Northville Cadette Troop #438 and Rangel Orthodontics are conducting a Donation Drive to assist U.S. military troops with humanitarian relief efforts. New or gently-used, clean and soft plush toys, stuffed animals, Webkinz and Beanie Babies are needed. Donations will be accepted until Friday, March 19 at 125 Cady Centre in downtown Northville.

Movies at Marquis

The Movies at the Marquis classic movie series is sponsored by Northville's Urban Optiques Vision and Eyewear and Tom Holzer Ford. Stop by their displays in the theater lobby and thank them for making this movie series possible.

Tom Holzer will draw tickets and give away five oil change certificates. Urban Optiques Vision & Eyewear will draw tickets for two \$50 gift certificates and provides the popular viewing guides for the film.

Upcoming films include:

Paris When it Sizzles, March 13
Tickets are on sale exclusively at Sizzling Sticks located at 144 Mary Alexander Court.

Vertigo, March 20

Tickets go on sale March 6 exclusively at Poole's Tavern located at 157 E. Main.

Easter Parade, March 27

This is the final movie in the 2010 classic movie series. Tickets go on sale March 13 exclusively at Gardenviews located at 117 E. Main.

TSC Michigan coming to township

Firm to meet demands of 'green' vehicles

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

A firm scheduled to open its North American headquarters in Northville Township late this year will support today's environmentally friendly vehicles.

Officials from TSC Michigan Inc., a company that creates electrolytes, anodes/cathodes and separators for battery cells for hybrid and elec-

tric vehicles, just recently made the announcement.

The company will receive a \$3.2 million tax credit over seven years from the state on the new business, which is one of the reasons TSC officials selected the township for its North American headquarters.

The tax credit was approved Feb. 26 by the Michigan Economic

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This building at 47050 Five Mile Road at Beck Road will be the new home of TSC Michigan, Inc., in fourth quarter 2010.

Gardenviews opens new store in former gallery space

Partners say
store represents
rebirth of area

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

It was quite a night for Lou Mascolo and his business partner Lori Jermont of Gardenviews.

On March 3, they opened the doors of the new Gardenviews location at 117 E. Main Street to a VIP, invitation-only party to show off the new place.

The longtime business recently closed its doors at 202 W. Main Street. It now occupies the space that was the former Tom James Gallery of Fine Art and before that Northville Camera.

Renovations by Bob Von Buskirk of Plymouth, who also had a hand in the rear area of the former store, were extensive. The store officially opened for business on March 5 during the First Friday event.

Mascolo spoke to his guests at the March 3 event.

"Many of you don't know each other, but you are either family, customers, vendors, fellow merchants or city officials," he said. "You may not have anything in common except one thing — you are all Lori's and my friends."

He thanked his former landlord for 15 years, Chuck Lapham.



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gardenviews' partners Lori Jermont and Lou Mascolo celebrated the reopening of their store at 117 E. Main Street — a two-block move from its former home on W. Main and Wing streets at a March 3 VIP party. Their new location was home, some years ago, to Northville Camera and then the Tom James Gallery of Fine Art. The new store officially opened March 5.

"He took a risk on me not knowing who I was when I first came into town," Mascolo said. "We got together and created Gardenviews."

He couldn't get the Northville Downtown

Development Authority to incorporate his corner at 202 W. Main Street into the DDA district so he could get reimbursed for improvements.

But, Lapham came through for him, paying for half of the painting costs

as well as the cost of new awnings.

He thanked his new landlord, Bill Richardson, who he said also took a risk on him and his partner.

"He gave us free reign to do what we wanted to do,"

Mascolo said, including putting in a new drop ceiling after he had just spent \$2,000 on the ceiling.

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Local lawyer to represent Sam Riddle in assault case

Going for case
dismissal or win

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville attorney Mark Mandell is representing Sam Riddle on his charge of allegedly assaulting former girlfriend, Mary Waters, a former Detroit City Council member and state representative.

High-profile political consultant Riddle has been accused of pulling a gun on Waters after she walked in on him in bed with another woman in December.

Riddle's recent trial on cor-



M. Mandell

ruption charges ended in a mistrial in February. In one case, he was accused of receiving and delivering bribes on behalf of former Detroit City Council member

Monica Conyers to win her vote on a sludge remediation contract.

In a separate incident, Riddle was accused of spreading bribery money among Southfield city officials on behalf of a pawn shop owner who was seeking approval to relocate there. Waters was a co-defendant in that case.

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McKenna Associates, of Northville, won the 2010 Site Design Award from the Michigan Recreation and Park Association for the firm's work on Riggs Heritage Park in Van Buren Charter Township.

McKenna honored for 'green' park

Northville firm wins award for Riggs Heritage Park design

The Michigan Recreation and Park Association has awarded its 2010 Site Design Award to Van Buren Charter Township's Riggs Heritage Park, a historic park designed by the landscape architecture team at Northville-based McKenna Associates to incorporate eco-friendly design elements while respecting the historic features of a one-of-a-kind community treasure.

"We're extremely proud that the Riggs Heritage Park project and our McKenna designers were singled out for this award," said Phillip C. McKenna, president of McKenna Associates. "The award is proof that quality design and sustainability go hand in hand and the results are terrific for the environment and the community."

In Riggs Heritage Park, the

McKenna team designed a sustainable, passive-use park around the historic 1830s Riggs family farmstead to provide the community a rare opportunity to experience both cultural and recreational opportunities in an eco-friendly setting. Riggs Heritage Park is comprised of 10.5 acres of natural park space that includes pathways, picnic areas, looped trails, opportunities for bird watching and wildlife observation, plus unstructured play spaces.

"This truly green design sets a model for creating new development to the preservation of historic features in an environmentally conscious manner," said Van Buren

Charter Township Supervisor Paul White. "We're delighted MRPA has honored this project and our outstanding design team with this esteemed award."

The park's key sustainable features include rain gardens, permeable-pavement, bio-swales, bio-retention ponds, short-grass prairie restoration and use of recycled materials. Additionally, a respite center emulating a historic train depot features off-grid solar power, solar hot water, naturally lit restrooms, and low-use water features. Other amenities include a universally accessible, no-curb parking lot incorporating Best Management Practices in storm water management with underground drainage; interpretive signage; bike trails and passive recreation areas.

The award-winning project team includes McKenna landscape archi-

tect James Ludwig, ASLA, RLA; McKenna arborist Dean HAY; and Van Buren Charter Township Director of Community Services, Bruce Ross.

Located at East Huron River Drive and Martinsville Road in West Wayne County's Van Buren Charter Township, Riggs Heritage Park began taking shape when Van Buren officials reviewed plans for a residential development near the then unreserved Riggs farmstead. Through the Planned Residential Development (PRD) process, the Township approved the development in an agreement that netted the Township the Riggs farmhouse, 30 acres of open space, and the opportunity to showcase sustainable environmental design, while providing rich cultural and recreational amenities for the community.

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Proposed ordinance change on PODs still under review

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

So, how long is too long to have a PODs portable storage device in a yard; 90 days or more?

That's the question city council members couldn't agree on at their March 1 meeting.

Members were supposed to agree to a first reading of an amendment that would extend the amount of time the devices could stay in a city yard from 30 to 90 days.

Planning commissioners rec-

ommended that the length of time be extended to three months after much discussion at previous meetings.

But, Nancy Darga, council member, was afraid in certain instances even three months might not be long enough.

"There's a local woman who had a fire, and she had to have everything removed from her home," Darga said. Darga said three months might not be long enough in this particular situation to store items in the familiar PODs.

She added that if the 90-day limit was approved as an ordinance amendment that residents would then have to petition the Board of Zoning Appeals to extend the time a POD could remain on their property.

Darga would just like to make it easier for residents to keep the storage units on their property if they need to for good reason.

City officials want to limit the amount of time the storage units can remain on property as their neighbors may consider the structures to be an eyesore.

They also want to discourage property owners from using them for such purposes as storing grandmother's furniture when she moves or some other unacceptable practice. The PODs are usually used during construction or remodeling projects.

After some discussion that was basically going nowhere, the council decided to remand the proposed amendment back to the planning commissioners for further discussion.

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Annual Chamber of Commerce Taste of Northville March 20

Come vote for your favorite display, eatery

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Northville's business community is expanding every day.

What better way to learn about some of the new and established companies and restaurants than to attend the annual Chamber of Commerce's Taste of Northville Business Showcase?

The event is slated from noon-3 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, at Northville High School at 45700 Six Mile Road.

This year's theme is "Under the Big Top."

Applications are available at the chamber's Web site, www.northville.org. Space, however, is filling up quickly.

The showcase will feature interactive exhibits from retail, service and businesses at this fun family-themed event. Several area top-rated restaurants will provide samples from their menus to attendees.

WHO WILL BE THERE

Participating restaurants will include Aubree's of Northville, Bread Basket Bakery & Café, Brann's Steakhouse, Buca Di Beppo, Busch's Market of Plymouth, Edward's Café and Caterers, George's Senate Coney Island Restaurant, Jet's Pizza, Lake Street Tavern, Northville Sports Den, Red Pepper Deli, Rusty Bucket Corner Tavern, Starting Gate Saloon and Restaurant, Sweet 220 Pastry and Specialty Cakes, and Zoup! Fresh Soup Company.

"This is a great opportunity for our local businesses to showcase their products and services," said Northville Chamber Executive Director Jody Humphries. "It's also a fun way to spend an afternoon with great food samples from our area restaurants and caterers."

Event attendees can also win free give-aways, raffles and promotional items. Awards will be presented for Best Restaurant and Best Business displays following a tally of votes from the public. Bring the entire family to this annual event. Tickets are available at the door. Prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors age 65 and over and \$2 for children under 12.

Sponsors of this year's showcase include Colonial Heating and Cooling, Community Financial, Craig David Butler Studios, Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic, Independence Village, Medical Network One, Monroe Bank & Trust, the Northville Record and Northville Public Schools.

For more information, call (248) 349-7640 or e-mail Suzie Johnson at suzie@northville.org.

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Pictured at last year's Taste of Northville Business Showcase are staff from First Choice Chiropractic in Northville, from left: Dr. Tucker Ford, Dr. Stacie Ford, Ashlee Tarkowski and Wendy St. Clair.

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Starfish

Ridge Wood fifth grader Halley Kissel helps two Head Start preschoolers make bookmarks February 15 at Starfish Family Services. A member of Junior Girl Scout Troop 770, Halley visited Starfish with her troop as part of their Junior Girl Scout Bronze Award. The girls, who attend Northville's Amerman, Ridge Wood and Silver Springs elementary schools, earned award hours on the 15th by reading to the preschoolers and assisting them with the bookmark project. They also donated 80 picture books. Starfish Family Services, an Inkster-based social services agency, serves more than 9,000 at-risk children and families each year. Northville resident Ann Kalass is CEO of Starfish Family Services.



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Essay contest winners

These Our Lady of Victory School students recently won 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards for their school for their essays in the Farm Bureau Insurance's "America and Me" contest. From left: Sabrina Silvestri, Kevin Williams and Kevin Hurley. Their essays were on the subject of "My Personal Michigan Hero."

Moraine second-graders raise leader dog puppy

Leader Dogs for the Blind was started in 1939 by the Lions Club. It is located in Rochester, Michigan. They help visually impaired people by training guide dogs. They also teach people who are blind how to work with their new dogs.

Our teacher, Mrs. Connolly, is a volunteer for Leader Dogs for the Blind. She is raising a black lab puppy. This puppy, Dublin, has been living with her family since July. Mrs. Connolly's job is to give Dublin a lot of love, keep her healthy and teach her how to be a good puppy. Her most important job is to socialize Dublin. This means Mrs. Connolly brings her almost everywhere. Dublin has been to the mall, grocery stores, the bank, the library, church, the post office, sports games, restaurants, and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. She even gets to come to school at Moraine everyday with us.

Mrs. Connolly does not get paid to take care of Dublin. It is part of her service to the community. We get to help her with the project, too. We help Dublin stay safe by keeping our pencils, paperclips and other things picked up off the floor. We keep water in her dish. We read to her and pet her. Sometimes we even help Dublin get exercise by playing fetch in the gym. We also help her learn how to work. When she is wearing her Leader Dog jacket we ignore her. We can't pet her or even talk to her. This helps Dublin learn to concentrate on her job whenever she is wearing the special jacket.

Dublin will go back to Leader Dogs for the Blind in May. First, she will get a check up with the vet. If she is healthy she will stay at the Leader Dog School for four to six months. During that time she will work with trainers to learn how to be a good guide dog. She will learn how to lead



Dublin is a leader dog being raised by Moraine Elementary second-grade teacher Mrs. Connolly.

someone who needs help. She will learn how to keep that person safe. It is hard work. If she passes all the tests Dublin will be matched with a visually impaired person. That person will live at the school for one month learning how to work with Dublin. That person does not need to pay for these services. At the end of the month Dublin will go home with her new owner.

Are you wondering how you can help? One way to help is to donate money to the Leader Dogs for the Blind. The money will help pay for toys, food, supplies, training, and vet care for the dogs. It will also pay for transportation and room and

board for the students. Also, you can raise a puppy yourself. If you would like to be a puppy raiser just call the Leader Dog School or go online to leaderdog.org. Another way to help is when you see a guide dog be sure to ignore it. This will help the dog do its job.

We really, really like having Dublin in our classroom. We will miss her when Mrs. Connolly brings her back to the Leader Dog School. We hope Dublin passes all of the tests. We think she will be a great Leader Dog for the Blind and make somebody very happy.

Submitted by Mrs. Connolly's second graders at Moraine Elementary



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EDUCATION



Ridge Wood Elementary first and second grade teachers were excited to be awarded a \$650 NEF grant for a Language Arts project designed to increase reading fluency for students by NEF Board members Mark Knoth and Amy Storm.

Northville Education Foundation awards Innovative Grants

The Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) has approved grants totaling nearly \$9,000 to support innovative projects to support innovative projects that will enhance the education of Northville Public Schools students.

"The Northville Educational Foundation is pleased to award these grants for projects that otherwise could not be funded by the stressed Northville Public Schools operating budget," said Eric Barritt, president of the NEF, "and NEF thanks the Northville Public Schools staff and Northville community members who give generously to enhance the educational opportunities for Northville Public Schools students."

The grants were awarded through a competitive process and reviewed by a panel that evaluated for factors such as:

1 - Does the project offer

an innovative approach to learning or teaching?

2 - Will the project improve student learning?

3 - What relationship does the project have to state curriculum benchmarks and/or school improvement plans?

Northville teachers and staff were recently notified by the Foundation that 14 fourteen projects will be funded through the Innovative Grants program. The funds must be used by June 1.

Donations from NPS district staff, families, alumni, businesses and community members help to fund NEF programs. Contributions to continue funding for NEF programs may be sent to: Northville Educational Foundation, c/o Northville Public Schools - Jan Purtell, Facilitator, 501 W. Main Street, Room 310, Northville, MI 48167.

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Those interested in learning more about Northville Educational Foundation, are encouraged to visit the NEF web page at www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/educational-foundation.asp. Additionally, you may contact Jan Purtell, NEF Facilitator at (248) 344-8458, e-mail NEF@northvilleschools.org or mail Northville Educational Foundation, c/o Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main, Room 310, Northville, MI 48167.

The Northville Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that attracts, manages and distributes charitable gifts to provide educational opportunities that enhance Northville Public Schools' commitment to excellence.

Silver Springs tops state in Reflections contenders

Silver Springs Elementary School had 24 contenders compete at the state level in the PTA Reflections Program. Silver Springs received 251 entries from 119 students. Students who placed first or second moved on to the state competition.

The program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students are encouraged to create works six areas: dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts. The theme for the 2009-2010 Reflections Program was "Beauty is..."

"We had a huge number of entries," said Elizabeth Kao Moeller, co-chair of Silver Springs PTA Reflection Committee. "Every child that participates is a winner."

PTA Reflections Program Designed to enhance rather than replace a quality arts education, the Reflections Program provides opportunities for students to express

themselves and to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts. For nearly 40 years, the program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to create works of art. The Reflections Program was started in 1969 by then Colorado PTA President Mary Lou Anderson. "The Silver Springs students worked very hard on their projects," said Mellanee Asher, co-chair of Silver Springs PTA Reflection Committee. "Exceptional support from teachers, staff and families made this achievement possible."

Northville Public Schools wound up with 23 Reflections winners at the state level with six students qualifying for national competition (student, school, title, category, place):

Lauren A., Silver Springs, Tollgate Children's Garden, Film, first; Alexandra L., Silver Springs, Dogs, Music, second; Harrison A., Silver Springs, Welcome, Photography, sec-

ond; Annelie H., Hillside Middle School, Love is What Beauty is, Music, eighth; Gray B., Hillside Middle School, Jellyfish, Photography, eighth; Emma C., Hillside Middle School, Friends by my side, Visual Arts, eighth.

On March 2, Barnes & Noble, Northville, hosted Northville Reflections Night. All 200-plus artwork submissions that proceeded to state competition from Northville were displayed. Also, all state level winners were showcased.

Proceeds from in-store purchases made until March 19, using a voucher, will help to benefit State of Michigan PTA Reflections. Vouchers are available through your school's website or on the Northville Public Schools website under PTA. Activities for kids will include scavenger hunts, art demonstrations, and performances from local students. There will also be People's Choice Awards where customers may vote for their favorite entry.



JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dance party

Meads Mill students enjoy a dance as part of their after school activity on Feb. 25.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BRIEFS

Stop Meanness, Spread Kindness

The Northville Special Education PAC and the Council of PTAs present a workshop focusing on creating a culture where everyone feels welcome; presented by Kimber Bishop-Yanke.

It will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 22 at Old Village School's third floor board conference room.

Please RSVP to (248) 344-8453 to ensure adequate seating.

Summer Connections

Information regarding Summer Connections 2010 is now available on the Northville School District website at www.northville.k12.mi.us/instruction/summerconnections.asp.

Look for information available at spring parent/teacher conferences this week at the middle and high school levels, as well as at elementary conferences in April.

The expanded Summer Connections (Summer School) program is offered for K-12 students through Elementary Summer Connections, Middle School Summer Connections and High School Summer Connections (including online courses).

Registration for all programs begins May 3.

New this year: Come join Summer Connections for additional Enrichment Program classes, which are offered in two-week blocks. Students can sharpen skills in their favorite subject, explore one of their interests or just have some fun. Registration for Enrichment Classes begins on May 3, 2010 and ends on May 28. As with all Summer Connections programs, classes offered are contingent upon sufficient enrollment, so families are encouraged to register early. Registration forms will be available on the website as well, prior to the registration period.

Questions may be directed to the Northville Public Schools Summer Connections Office at (248) 344-8447.

Kindergarten notice

Northville Public Schools is now accepting Kindergarten enrollment for fall, 2010. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before Dec. 1, 2010, please contact your local elementary school for kindergarten enrollment information. The Northville Public Schools kindergarten sessions are half-day programs, offered in the morning or afternoon. School phone numbers are as follows:

Amerman (248) 344-8405
Moraine (248) 344-8473
Ridge Wood (248) 349-7602
Silver Springs (248) 344-8410
Thornton Creek (248) 344-8475

Winchester (248) 344-8415

Please note that attendance boundary information is located on the school district website at www.northville.k12.mi.us/district/boundary-maps.asp. If you have further questions, please contact the Northville Public Schools Office of Instruction at (248) 344-8447 or visit www.northville.k12.mi.us. A parent meeting for incoming 2010-11 Kindergartners will take place at each school during April and May 2010.

Wondergarten

The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Programs offers a program called Wondergarten for the remaining half of the Kindergarten day. This half-day program, specifically designed for Kindergarten children, is offered at each elementary school, space permitting. It is scheduled either in the morning, from the start of the school day until afternoon Kindergarten begins, or from morning Kindergarten dismissal until the end of the school day.

To further extend the school day, Kids' Club is offered from 7 a.m. to the start of school and from school dismissal until 6 p.m.

Program Request Forms are available on the district website at www.northville.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood beginning March 13. The enrollment period is March 15-31. Please contact the Early Childhood office at (248) 344-8465 if you have any questions or concerns. Specific offerings are dependent on enrollment; space is limited.

Senior All Night Party

The Senior All Night Party takes place on Sunday, June 6, from 9 p.m.-3 a.m. at Northville High School. The hallways are transformed into a magical setting, created by our very own parents, who have been working very hard for several months at making their vision become a reality.

Tickets are \$75 and include a T-shirt, entertainment, food, casino, and many other activities. Turn in ticket form along with the SANP liability form and cash or check payable to SANP into the office or mail to SANP, PO Box 470, Novi, MI 48376.

Only 30 more security volunteers are needed. Please consider even just a few hours, as a gift to the kids for their last hurrah. Contact Karen Harris at ks.harris@yahoo.com for more information.

In 25 words or less, send your senior off with a special message and it will be displayed and given to them at the Senior All Night Party. Parents, siblings, grandparents, etc. are asked to participate in this long-lasting tradition. Turn the attached form into the SANP box in the school office, or mail to SANP, PO Box 470, Novi, MI 48376 along with \$5 cash or check made payable to "SANP".



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LAWYER

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"I have not discussed the federal case with him," Mandell said. "I am solely handling the state case against him."

Mandell said he believes Riddle will go to trial on the assault charges within the next two months.

KNOWN AS COACH MANDELL

Most people in Northville know attorney Mandell as Coach Mandell, the defensive coordinator for the junior varsity Mustang football team at Northville High School. But, that main claim to fame may soon change with his new role as Riddle's attorney.

Riddle retained Mandell to be his attorney last Friday. Riddle allegedly committed a felonious assault against his then live-in girlfriend, Waters.

Mandell said based on Waters' comments, he believes the state will have a hard time proving an assault occurred.

"It is apparent based on Waters' comments that an assault never occurred in this case and that she doesn't want Sam prosecuted," Mandell said.

As a former prosecutor, Mandell has extensive trial experience.

"Sam did not hire me to reach a plea agreement," he said. "He hired me for a dismissal of the charges or to win his case at trial, and that's what I intend to do."

Riddle has already pleaded not guilty in the case.

Mandell said he has been a friendly acquaintance of Riddle in the past and assumes he hired him based on his reputation for getting things done.

Mandell is a partner at the Northville law firm of Fausone Bohn, LLP, specializing in criminal defense and family law. He is also a political consultant.

"I've done a lot of work for elected officials in the past and was a former prosecutor," he said. "But, this (serving as defense attorney for Riddle) is the biggest, most high-profile case I have had to date."

Mandell, 41, lives in Northville with his wife, Vanessa, and their two children, Jack and Tom. As it pertains to his role as the NHS football coach, Mandell said he is looking forward to a successful upcoming season.

To learn more about Mandell, visit www.michigan-fraudlawyer.com or call (248) 380-9976.

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Township resident to run for state Senate seat

Candidate says basic business smarts needed

BY PAM FLEMING
STAFF WRITER

Seven-year Northville Township resident Colleen McDonald recently announced her candidacy for the State Senate 7th District race in Wayne County.

The 7th District includes the communities of Belleville, Brownstown Township, Canton Township, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Gros

se Township, Huron Township, city of Northville (Wayne County portion), Northville Township, city of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Rockwood, Sumpter Township, Trenton, Van Buren Township and Woodhaven.

McDonald ran her family auto dealership business for 26 years before automakers pulled the rug out from under numerous dealerships last year.

In May, she received a letter from GM and Chrysler officials that said they would not be supporting her three dealerships — Livonia Chrysler Jeep, Country Dodge and Holiday Chevrolet.



C. McDonald

"I was just in awe and furious that this could happen in this country," McDonald said. "More than 2,500 viable businesses were shut down."

"Ever since that happened, I have been fighting to get my franchises back," she said. "I had 170 employees, I was profitable, and I was in the Top Ten Women in Business in Michigan for the last six years."

In 2007, she was nominated as one of the most influential women in Michigan, with her business being one of the top 50 women-owned businesses in the country.

FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

McDonald has fought hard to have her three dealerships reinstated and has been to Washington, D.C., twice to plead her case. She was one of three out of 789 dealers that testified in a New York bankruptcy court on behalf of auto dealerships in that state to say how wrong it was what they were doing.

She listened to as many senators and congressman as would listen to her.

"What really started my interest in running for office is that I would have to explain to their office staff the most basic things about running a business," McDonald said. "And, it kind of fell on deaf

ears. We're in trouble in this country when people making decisions for us don't even understand these things."

COMMITTEE FORMED

When she returned to Michigan, dealers formed the Committee to Restore Dealers Rights.

"We were finally able to get binding arbitration passed in December," she said, which means dealers are now able to go before an arbitrator.

"I'm still fighting," McDonald said. "I'm hopefully going to get two of my dealerships back."

She's only asking for the two Chrysler dealerships back since deciding to terminate her franchise agreement with General Motors before the company filed for bankruptcy.

"I'm not only fighting to get my stores back but I'm also helping other dealers across the country," McDonald said. "I've been the most vocal in this state."

She's been on CNN and other shows to keep the story alive.

"Americans need to realize that what happened to us (the dealerships) could happen to them," McDonald said. "Government needs to stay out of our lives and let us do what we do best, which is employ people. It's very

frustrating that more people aren't irate about this. I'm a fighter, and I will do whatever it takes to make things right."

McDonald said she ran debt-free dealerships, and she knows what it takes to balance a budget.

She said she decided to run for State Senate because she can take her business experience to Lansing and help end the budget crisis once and for all. "We need business people who understand what to do," she said.

Married with two children, she said she also understands how important education is to the future of Michigan.

"Without our kids being properly educated we have no future in Michigan," McDonald said. "And, we can't let viable businesses go down the tubes." So, her platform consists of cost control, jobs and education.

McDonald has a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University in 1987. She's familiar with Northville because her biological father used to run the former gas station at Wing and W. Main streets.

To stay in shape, she plays tennis twice a week at the Sports Club of Novi.

"I will be the people's voice in Lansing," she said.

For more information, go to McDonald4Senate.com.

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DELBERT E. BAGGETT

Age 88, of S. Lyon, passed away Mar. 8, 2010. Brother of Bess (Bernice) & father of Scott. Private Services held: Final Resting Place Bethlehem Cemetery in TN. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home.

EDWARD M. BAIER

Age 88, of Algonac, formerly of South Lyon, passed away, March 5, 2010. He was born on July 14, 1921, in Detroit, son of the late William and Margaret (Lynch) Baier. Ed was a WWII Veteran serving in the U.S. Navy and a retired employee from Ford Motor Co. During his 30 years in South Lyon, Ed was a devoted member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. He is survived by his sisters, Catherine (John) McDermott and Marge Baier. His is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Angela in 1991 and his brother Donald Baier in 2009. Visitation was held on Monday, March 8th, at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. A Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, March 9th, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Funeral arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

JOSEPHINE CARLITTA JAKUBUS

Age 85, passed away March 4, 2010. She was born on June 14, 1924, in Detroit, to the late George and Rosario (Munoz) Broholm. Josephine is survived by her loving children: Frank (Linda) Jakubus, John Jakubus; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank Jakubus in 2003, and two sisters and two brothers. A private family service was held. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association. Arrangements entrusted to PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online guestbook www.phillipsfuneral.com

JOSEPHINE B. LUTCHKA

of Gas City, IN, formerly of South Lyon, MI. Age 99, died Saturday, February 27, 2010 at Twin Cities Nursing Home in Gas City, IN. She was born April 15, 1910 in Westville, IL, the daughter of Frank & Silonge (Notar) Blagss. Josephine worked at the Children's Museum in Detroit and the Ann Arbor Public Schools. She was a former member of North Sharon Baptist Church and was currently a member of Eastlawn Community Church in Marion, IN. On June 6, 1936, she married Joseph Lutchka in Detroit and he preceded her in death on May 1, 1985. Survivors include a daughter, Martha Jo (Lewis) Miller of Gas City, IN; a son, David (Joan) Lutchka of Grass Lake; six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Elizabeth Matestic and Annie Coles. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 4th, at the Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, MI, with burial at East Grass Lake Cemetery, Grass Lake. Memorial contributions may be made to Youth Haven Ranch, PO Box 97, Rives Junction, MI 49277.

VIRGINIA ANN MCGRAW

Age 78, died March 2, 2010. A private family service was held at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, South Lyon. Online: www.phillipsfuneral.com

SYLVIA NEIGHBORS (NEE LUTTRELL)

Age 90 of Milford, passed away on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, George Neighbors in 1995. Survived by her loving daughter, Patricia Arbour; sons, James (Susan) Jones, Martin (Susan) Neighbors, Gary (Kelly) Neighbors; Joseph (Lori) Neighbors; 18 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson; many extended family members and dear friends. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, March 6, 2010. Fr. Ron Anderson officiated. Burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly Township. Memorials may be made in her name to St. Joseph Mercy-Livingston Hospice. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

BOB E. PROM

Age 76, died March 4, 2010 at his home in Brighton after an extended illness. Bob was born March 30, 1933 in Northville, Michigan to Edgar and Catherine (Keller) Prom. He graduated from Northville High School in 1951. After serving four years in the Air Force, he married his wife Dolores. He earned a Bachelors Degree and Masters Degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University. Bob taught Elementary and Middle School in Northville until his retirement in 1989. He coached sports and served as Recreation Director in Northville. An avid sportsman and golfer, he was active in the Rocky Mt. Elk foundation and served as its Elk and District Chair. He will be remembered for his sense of humor and his devotion to family. Bob is survived by his wife Dolores; his children, Barry (Pupae) Prom, Linda (Russ) Garcia, and Brian (Carol) Prom; his brother Kevin Ling; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held Wednesday, March 10 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. In lieu of flowers contributions would be appreciated to Cure PSP, Executive Plaza III, 11350 McCormick Rd., Suite 906, Hunt Valley, MD 21031.

MARY STIFF

Age 76, of Highland, died March 3, 2010 in the care of her family. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. For further info contact Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford at 248-684-6645.

SUE KELLY SULLIVAN

Age 86. Born Aug. 1, 1923. Died March 2, 2010. Wife of William J. Sullivan for 62 years. Funeral was March 6 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

FRANK A. SYROKA

Age 92, March 2, 2010. Funeral held at St. Regis Catholic Church, Bloomfield Hills, March 6. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Lansing, 3411 Stoneleigh, Lansing, MI 48910. Online condolences www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

JOAN D. WYSOCKI

Age 55, of Novi, passed away March 7, 2010. Funeral Mass to be held at a later date at St. Alfred's Catholic Church in Taylor. Donations to Arbor Hospice appreciated. Arrangements by Casterline Funeral Home.

TSC MICHIGAN

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Growth Authority board on the recommendation of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Township officials are also providing a tax abatement to the company.

PARENT FIRM IN SOUTH KOREA

The parent company, Techno SemiChem, is headquartered in South Korea.

The North American headquarters, scheduled to open in fourth quarter 2010, will occupy the building at 47050 Five Mile, just east of Beck. The building has been vacant for about 10 years. Previous tenants included Optical Imaging Systems and Nanovations.

Founded in 1986, TSC produces chemical and electronic materials in the semiconductor industry. At the new Northville Township facility, TSC will conduct research and development as well as the testing and compounding of advanced materials.

For many battery cell manufacturers in Michigan, having a local supply of the electrolytes is essential.

More than 250 jobs are projected within the first five years, with investments of \$16 million for real property and \$31 million in personal property.

CEO ALLEN IBARA'S COMMENTS

Allen Ibara, (pronounced ee bara) CEO of TSC Michigan, a third-generation Japanese-American from California, appeared at the Feb. 18 township board meeting to address trustees.

He said the infrastructure in the more than 120,000-square-foot building at Five Mile and Beck roads will be useful to the new operation. "Some of the equipment has aged, but the backbone of the equipment is valuable for what we want to do," Ibara said. The company will be involved in high-tech processes as well as research and development. Ibara said the "clean" rooms and water systems, for example, will be helpful.

"The ability to have plenty of power and cool water offer us some real nice advantages for future growth."

Ibara said the company will make lithium-ion batteries. Used in hybrid-electric vehicles and all kinds of portable devices, he explained that there are three active components in such batteries — an anode, a cathode and an electrolyte. "Our expertise is the electrolyte," Ibara said. "That is our forte."

AN EMERGING MARKET

Ibara said in the U.S., the market for these types of batteries is the hybrid-electric vehicles. Although not yet sold in the U.S., the Tesla automobile would be an example of the type of vehicle that would use the lithium-ion battery. "It (the Tesla) has some phenomenal specifications — it can go from 0 to 60 mph in under four seconds with a top speed of 125 mph," Ibara said. "And, the Tesla cannot achieve these requirements with any other battery except the lithium-ion battery that today comes off-shore (in Asia). It's our aim to make a battery that will service that market." Ibara believes the U.S. auto market needs to evolve to

using these high-performance batteries.

"And we want to supply the electrolytes for those batteries," he said. He noted that in California's Silicon Valley, where he lives, that if a new building is constructed, the builder must install auto-charging stations.

"The wave is coming," Ibara said. "Charging stations will become visible in most municipalities in the very near future."

LIKES THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Fortunately, Northville has a couple of Asian restaurants nearby when Korean officials visit the community — one right across the street, Tomo, in Plymouth Township, and Koji in downtown Northville. "The restaurants both have Japanese names, but they're managed by Koreans," Ibara said. "Both places have a mixture of Korean items on the menu. Our engineers like both of them."

TYPES OF JOBS TO FILL

Ibara said the firm will be looking not only for engineers but also employees in the areas of safety, security, facility management and accounting. They'll especially be seeking those versed in chemical material management. "We need to acquire the property first and get permits for the building," he said. "There will be remodeling, construction and plant qualification phases before occupancy. We hope to complete all of that this year." To contact Ibara, send him an e-mail at allen.ibara@tscmi.com.

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GARDENVIEWS

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PARTNER WITH HIM 13 YEARS

Jermont said the former Gardenviews opened in May 1995. "I started as a customer and have been with Gardenviews for about 13 years," she said. "It was like a rebirth. It's the same company, but it's all new. We used to be on the fringe of downtown. Now we're an actual part of it."

Jermont has a degree in floral design from the American Floral Arts School in Chicago. She started out as a contract worker and then came on board as a buyer in 1999. Mascolo and Jermont said there was too much space in the previous building with about 6,000 square feet. The new store has about 3,000 square feet of office and storage space below. The former

store needed a lot of work as well.

She added that they no longer need to have the outdoor area for the large cement pieces, as people now prefer the lighter weight FiberStone.

HOUSE PAINTER BY TRADE

Von Buskirk is a house painter by trade, but he and his sons: Trevor, Peter and Jeff, collaborated to create the new space that is now Gardenviews. His nephew, Steven Fodel, of Plymouth put in the sound system, Internet and phone lines.

"They're incredible," Mascolo said. "They worked some nights until 6 in the morning."

"It took us 40 days," Von Buskirk said. "I do interiors and exteriors and primarily residential. We get into commercial when something like

this is required. This was a fun project because I got to do all of the design work."

Von Buskirk painted the American flag mural on the rear of the Marquis Theatre building and will be designing the interior of Proverb, a new salon slated to open soon in the MainCentre building.

He thanked Lori's husband, Lou Jermont, of Novi for his help as well.

"He even cooked breakfast for the three of us last week," Mascolo said. He complimented staff members for their dedication and working crazy hours.

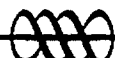
Mascolo said the new store is a dream come true.

"I can't believe it," he said. "May 2010 be a resurgence of downtown Northville," he said. "May we all prosper and have fun doing it."

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True leadership, not micro-managing, is needed today

The nation remains in a recession. Jobs have been lost or positions downsized. Profits are down. Business is lackluster. The one aspect of business that is high right now is the pressure to show that you are making a difference as an employee, especially as a manager in an organization.



Linda Hagan

In this recession, are managers being leaders at their companies? Or, are managers feeling increased pressure from the C-suite and stockholders and turning to micro-managing instead of being true leaders?

There are some business people who think that managers are performing differently -- that top-level managers are micro-managing today rather than leading.

During a recent conversation with one area

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS

business leader, he said, "Managers are asking more and more questions of everyone and all of a sudden want to be involved in every decision, big or small."

"More reports are requested, more phone calls and e-mails are generated, but no new profit is being created by this micro-managing. It actually makes the organization less efficient and has a negative effect on business," the leader said.

When leaders micro-manage, morale can be adversely affected as lower level managers and employees tend to become more conservative because they perceive that the "big boss" is watching everything they do. Especially in this economy, lower-level managers and employees fear that making any mistake may

cost them their job so they go into a "play-it-safe" mode.

In this economy, only playing it safe is the exact opposite of what businesses should want. Employees need to be empowered and motivated more than ever. Employees should be encouraged by organizational leaders to be innovative, to look for new opportunities, and to cross beyond past boundaries that are no longer working.

The time for true leadership to emerge is now. It is not the time to be micro-manager.

One local business leader offers the following tips to help your team become better. He advises, "Be a leader instead of a manager" and:

- Help close a big sale
- Invest in new equipment to make the company and employees more efficient
- Improve work processes to make your employees' jobs easier

- Add a new product line or service so your team has more to offer
- Find new customers
- Visit lost customers and help turn them back to active customers
- Be supportive and confident of your employees' ability

It will take more time for the nation to pull out of its recession. However, those businesses with leaders who truly lead will get out sooner.

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Pastor Steve Swartz
Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
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Wednesdays 6:45 - 8:15 p.m.
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Middle School Group

SOUTH HILL CHURCH, S.B.C.
1250 South Hill Rd. Just south of downtown Milford
(248) 685-3560 www.AboutSouthHill.com
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KIDS' Worship 10:15 a.m.
Contemporary Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Children and Youth Groups Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Call about our current small group studies.

WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
11166 S. Hickory Ridge Rd., Milford, MI 48380
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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Bible Ministries 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday All Ages 7:00 p.m.

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238 N. Main Street, Milford MI (248) 684-2805
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Website: <http://www.newhopeuu.org>

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41355 Six Mile Road
248-348-9030

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(248) 349-1144
8 Mile & Taft Roads
Worship:
8:00, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Steve Buck
www.fumcnorthville.org

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
40000 Six Mile Rd., Northville
248-374-7400
Sunday Worship:
Traditional: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Contemporary: 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Nursery & Sunday School during the 8:00 a.m. & 11 a.m. services
www.wardchurch.org
Service Broadcast Sunday 11 a.m.
WDET-AM 580 The "W" 12.2 Word Station.

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133 Orchard Dr., Northville
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Church 349-2621, School 349-3610
Religious Education 349-2559
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

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200 E. Main St. at Hubbs • (248) 349-0911
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Childcare Available at All Services
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Bible Study Ministry - Thurs. 7:30 p.m.
Rev. W. Kent Clark, Senior Pastor
Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor
www.fpcnorthville.org

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45325 10 Mile Rd. • Novi, MI 48374
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Reverend George Charnley, Pastor
Parish Office: 347-7776

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1/2 mile west of Novi Rd.
www.faithcommunity-novi.org
WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM
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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
21355 Meadowbrook Rd. in Novi at 8 1/4 Mile
248-348-7757 • www.mbcpc.org
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN
(Missouri Synod) Pastor Terry Nelson
437-8810 • 486-4335 • Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile
Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church
22200 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon south of 1 Mile Road
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Refuel Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
Youth at 6:30 p.m.
Rev. David Brown, Pastor
248-437-2222 • www.fellowshippepc.org

The Church of Christ
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncc.org
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
Rob Callicott, Pastor

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
10774 Nine Mile Road
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

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Worship 10:00 a.m.
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248-437-2875 • 205 E. Lake (10 Mile) •
Rev. Dr. Annemarie Kidder, Pastor

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All Classes 9:00
Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-2289

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28930 Whitcom Rd.
Whitcom, MI 48393
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10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship
Rev. Kenneth Warren • 586-531-2021
www.cpcnow.com

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Thursday 7:00 p.m.
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Pontiac Trail and 9 Mile (Bach's Shopping Center)
(Nursery & Children's programs)
Office 248-486-4400
www.solidrocksouthlyon.org

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52345 W. 8 Mile Road 437-1472 • www.familylifec.net
Sr. Pastor Joseph R. Tabbi
Sunday Christian Education 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Christian Education and Family Nite 7:00 p.m.

South Lyon

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON
60820 Marjorie Ann St. South Lyon
Phone: 248-437-2863
Sunday School 8:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Rob Freshour / Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weeks
Website: www.fbcsouthlyon.org
Email: Rob.freshour@fbcsouthlyon.org

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Dan Flynn, Minister
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13667 West Highland Rd. (M-59)
(248) 887-4300
Sunday Services: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:00 a.m.
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These women were all smiles at the 2009 Laughter Lifts You Up event (l to r) Barb Keppen of Livonia, Ursula Kasenow of Northville and Joann Cain of Detroit.



Women celebrate with friends, help hospice

Has March got you fantasizing about warm sand and sunny beaches? Are you ready to snap out of the winter doldrums and get inspired for spring? Well, that is the idea behind Angela Hospice's third annual Women's event, Laughter Lifts You Up.

The event will take place Thursday, March 25, 5:30-9 p.m., at Laurel Manor in Livonia, and the theme "A Girls' Great Escape" will make for a fabulous ladies' night out - with laughter, great food, entertainment, and friends.

The featured comedian is "The Work Lady," Jan McInnis, who says life is about "finding the funny." Jan brings to the stage clean, insightful and original humor.

MORE

For more information on Laughter Lifts You Up, or to reserve a seat, call Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045.

"Each year we invite a different comedian," said Barb Iovan, events coordinator for Angela Hospice. "This year we're excited to have Jan McInnis take the stage. She highlights the funny aspects of life we can all relate to!"

Reservations are required in advance for this event, which is likely to sell out. Admission is \$45 per person, which includes dinner, dessert, and wine, beer, and soda bar. Reservations will

be accepted by March 19, or until sold out.

Raffle tickets will be on sale that evening as well, offering a chance at three enticing prize packages, worth over \$1,700 each.

"As guests make reservations I just hear their excitement at the prospect of a night out with the girls," said Iovan. "Some are coming with a friend or two and some are reserving entire tables. There's a lot to look forward to: delicious food, a wonderful comedian - and dessert with chocolate!"

Iovan noted that all proceeds from the event will benefit Angela Hospice's bereavement programs for those grieving a loss. These services include

one-on-one counseling, family counseling, and specialized grief support groups and workshops. All of Angela Hospice's extensive bereavement programs are provided completely free of charge and are available to everyone in the community, including children, teens, and adults.

"These programs are an important part of our community outreach," said Mary Beth Moning, executive director for Angela Hospice. "We are happy to have Laughter Lifts You Up supporting our bereavement programs, and it is wonderful to see so many women coming together to show their support, while celebrating an evening of friendship and humor."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

More: For a complete listing of local and regional events, see the Northville Calendar online at www.hometownlife.com.
Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

LOCAL EVENTS

Northville Women's Club

Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 19

Location: First Presbyterian Church
Details: Annual luncheon; please bring a new or used book to exchange, plus your table setting.

2010 Spring Fest

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. March 28

Location: Millennium Park (south side of Six Mile Road, across from Northville High School)
Details: Adults and children are welcomed to celebrate springtime with games, egg hunt, crafts, and a lot of fun activities the whole family can enjoy. Don't forget, age-specific egg hunts promptly starts at 2:30 p.m. Event is free.

Guitarist Roy Scoutz

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday

Location: Tirami Su, 146 Centermain Street, Northville
Contact: (248) 735-0101

Tour of Hope

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. March 17; 9 a.m. April 22; 9 a.m. May 20

Location: 315 Griswold, Northville
Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a one hour Tour of Hope in their new home. This tour will give insight into how New Hope was started, the types of grief support services they offer, testimonials from people who have been helped, and the vision of the future from the founder and CEO, Cathy Clough.
Contact: To attend one of the

tours, please RSVP to New Hope at 248.348.0115 or email griefhelp@newhopecenter.net.

Early Learning Series

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. March 16

Location: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main Street
Details: Information series for parents with children ages birth to 5 years returns with Nora Thompson, educational consultant, presenting "What Comes Next? A Dialogue About School Readiness." Free child care for children 33 months and toilet trained (preregister).

Contact: (248) 344-8465

Stop the Meanness, Spread the Kindness - Creating a culture where everyone feels welcome
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, March 22

Location: Old Village School, third floor Board Conf. Room (unless numbers require a larger room)
Details: A presentation for elementary and middle school parents given by Kids Empowered founder and President Kimber Bishop-Yanke. Other parents and staff are welcomed to attend. There is no charge for attending. RSVP to (248) 344-8453 to ensure adequate seating; those who have not RSVP'd may attend if there are enough seats.

Contact: Nancy Couch Nowak for more information or if you have suggestions, resources, parent awareness events to share: drnancycouch@po.net or (248) 347-7842.

Northville Newcomers & Neighbors

MEET & GREET

Time/Date: 10 a.m. first Tuesday of each month

Location: Member's homes or other venues

Details: We welcome all our members from Northville and surrounding communities and invite them to come meet new friends and neighbors. This applies whether you have been here a month or have been raised here. Please come and see what Northville Newcomers and Neighbors has to offer you.
Contact: Paula Lund at (734) 404-5120

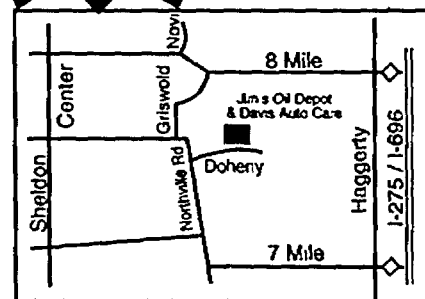


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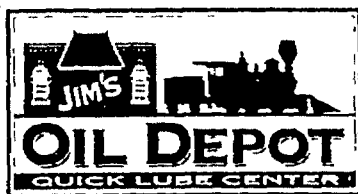
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NORTHVILLE / NOVI CHURCH EVENTS

Submit: Send calendar submissions via e-mail to csstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Church Events/Northville- Novi, 101 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Monday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

Church of the Holy Family

Location: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
Contact: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English), 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Reconciliation: beginning 9 a.m. Saturdays or by appointment

Crosspointe Meadows Church

Location: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, south of 13 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 669-9400, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday or visit www.crosspointemeadows.org
Sunday Worship: 11:15 a.m.
Bible study classes: 10 a.m. for all ages
Details: Nursery and older children programs available. Worship blends traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship experience.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

Location: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfo-nazarene.org
Sunday Schedule: 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Praise Band, children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 10:15 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments; 11 a.m. Traditional worship service, Children's Church, Youth Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship; 6 p.m. Evening Service, Children's program, Youth Worship Service
Tuesday Schedule: Tuesday 9:30-11:15 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study with childcare available for through age 5; 6:45 p.m. Ladies Evening Bible Study; 7 p.m. Men's Evening Bible Study
Wednesday Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Family Meal, \$4 per person, \$12 per family; 7 p.m. Children's Caravan, Club 56, Bible Study, Quilting, Adult Classes, Youth Blast
Thursday Schedule: 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer Group; 7 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
Women of the Word
Time/Date: 9:25-11:15 a.m.
Details: The W.O.W. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study welcomes you to their study of the Book of Exodus. There is a \$15 registration fee, which includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare will be available in the morning for children through age 5.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Location: 40700 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship: 7:45 a.m., 10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group
Time/Date: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month

Faith Community Presbyterian

Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2345 or visit faithcommunity-novi.org

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

Location: 277 N. Wing
Contact: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of Novi-Family Integrated Church

Location: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-3647 or firstbaptist-churchofnovi.org
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Location: 200 E. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresville.org
Sunday Worship
Time: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Walking in the Park
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. every Saturday
Location: Meet at the Visitor's Center of Heritage Park (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 mile roads)
Details: Group meets for lunch afterwards.
Contact: Sue (734) 459-0016
Single Place Ministries
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.
Details: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check Web site for details singleplace.org.

First United Methodist Church of Northville

A Stephen Ministry Church
Location: 777 W. 8 Mile Road at Taft Rd.
Contact: (248) 349-1144 or www.fumc-northville.org
SUNDAY WORSHIP
Times: (September-June) 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.; (July and August) 8:30 and 10 a.m.
Pastors: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Buck, Rev. Jeff Sturgeon
Coffee Hour: Sunday at 10:15 a.m.
Healing Service: 4 p.m. First Monday of every month
Logo Youth Club: 5 p.m. Wednesday for fourth-12th grades.
Radical Joy: 6-8 p.m. first and third Thursday for all women
Men's Club: 8 a.m. the second Saturday
Career Ministry: 7 p.m. first and third Monday
Fourth-sixth grade musical "Hosanna Hotel" (the story of Palm Sunday)
Time/Date: 5 p.m. Saturday, March 13; 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 17
Details: Fun for kids of all ages; free.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Location: 41415 Nine Mile Road, corner of Meadowbrook Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 349-0565
Sundays
Time: 8:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10 a.m. Worship
Livonia Church of Christ
Location: 15431 Merriman Road, Livonia

Contact: For further information, please contact HSO Douglas K. Wells at (313) 964-6595.

Meadowbrook Congregational

Location: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads
Contact: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Sermon: Having a Plan
Church School: 10-11 a.m.
Fellowship Hour: 11 a.m.
Merry Widows Luncheon
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. fourth Thursday of each month
Pilgrim Fellowship
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sundays
Asking Questions adult education class
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Tuesdays
Cross Walk
Time/Date: 5 p.m. April 2
Details: Join us in a somber remembrance of Christ's final walk from Meadowbrook Congregational Church to Novi United Methodist.
Maudy Thursday
Time/Date: 6:14 p.m. April 1
Details: Potluck and worship service

Northville Christian Assembly

Location: 41355 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 348-9030
Sundays
9-10 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults / Youth / Children
9 a.m.: Contemporary service in multi-purpose gymnasium
10:15 a.m.: Contemporary service in worship center; children's super church on the second level (208/210)
Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
8:45-10:30 a.m. (café)
Wednesday Family Night
7 p.m.: Adult elective classes; jr. and sr. high student ministries; children's programs (M-Pact Girls Club & Royal Rangers Boys Club) Nursery and Preschool Program on Sundays and Wednesdays Home of Northville Christian School (day care; preschool through eighth grade) - contact (248) 348-9031

Novi - Northville Center for Jewish Life

Details: A Jewish center with events, programs and activities for all ages throughout the year - children's programs, Sunday school, adult Jewish classes, youth clubs, holiday services and programs, community social events.
Contact: Rabbi Avrohom & Leah Susskind at (248) 790-6075 or rabbij@novijewishcenter.com; www.novijewishcenter.com

Novi United Methodist

Location: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 349-2652 or visit umcnovi.com
Sunday Worship
Time: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
Time/Date: Noon, first Sunday of every month
Location: In front of the church
Details: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.
Advent Service
Time/Date: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Oak Pointe Church

Location: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
Contact: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org
Worship Services
Time: 5:15 p.m. Saturday; 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday
Renew Life Ministries
Time/Date: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
Details: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective.
Contact: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.

Orchard Hills Baptist Church

Location: 23455 Novi Road
Contact: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665
Preschool/Kids Choir
Time/Date: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday
Details: For ages three to six; ongoing event; no need to pre-register; all are welcome.

Our Lady of Good

Counsel Catholic Church
Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
Contact: (734) 453-0326, ext. 221

Our Lady of Victory

Catholic Church
Location: 770 Thayer, Northville
Contact: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org
Saturday Worship
Time: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship
Time: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Our Shepherd

Presbyterian Church
Location: 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth
Contact: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and food after service

St. James Catholic

Location: 46325 10 Mile Road, Novi
Contact: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday: 7 p.m. Wednesday: 5 p.m. Saturday
Mothers Group
Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. monthly, first and third Wednesday through May 19, 2010
Location: St. James Parish Hall A
Details: We provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their faith in order to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as article discussion, crafts, and speakers, moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship. Free childcare is available but children are also welcome to join their mothers during meetings.
Contact: Kris Endreszi (248) 946-4080

St. John's Episcopal Church

Location: 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth

St. John Lutheran

Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
Contact: (248) 474-0584 or visit stjohn-lutheran.com
Saturday Worship
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship
Time: 9, 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School
Time: 10:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Location: 201 Elm St., Northville
Contact: (248) 349-3140
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Blended, 11 a.m. Contemporary; 11:30 a.m. Traditional

Unitarian Universalist**Church of Farmington**

Location: 25301 Halstead Road, Farmington Hills
Contact: www.uufarmington.org
Youth Interfaith Journey
Time/Date: 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays
Details: This religious education program is open to the public and currently enrolling new students. The UUCF Interfaith Journey curriculum encompasses the Unitarian Universalism philosophy of individual worth and the power of community with a study of the World Religions that are practiced around the globe. This program complements the mission of UUCF Religious

Education of teaching youth inclusion, compassion and peace and provides the environment to live and learn in a culturally diverse community. Classes are grouped into grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 with age specific education materials for all.
Contact: Jennifer Teed at 248/478-7272 or dre@uufarmington.org
Lifelong Learning Forum
Time/Date: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays
Details: Six weeks exploring different topics like religion, philosophy, science, health, social and political issues. No advance registration necessary; a \$5 donation suggested. Drop in and pick the class that interests you most.
Contact: (248) 478-7272 or uufarmington.org/uucf/re-lifespan

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Location: 40000 Six Mile Road
Contact: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978

Sunday Worship

Time: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Traditional; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.
Service Broadcast
Details: 11 a.m. every Sunday on WRDT-AM 560, The WNUZ Word Station.
Single Point Ministries (45 and older)
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday for fellowship and Bible study.
Single Point Ministries (35-50 years old)
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday to deepen your personal relationship with Christ.
Single Purpose Connexions (20-30 years old)
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday in the Chapel for singing, Bible study, and fellowship. Details: For single adults. Active ministry offering various Bible study classes, volleyball, bicycling group, tennis group, support groups, support group for widowed over age 50, fellowship, friendships and more. Contact the number below for more information.
Contact: (248) 374-5920
Learner's Bible Study
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Room A101
Men's Bible Study
Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. Wednesday Single Adult Ministries office
Single's Bible Study
Time/Date: 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, Room C309

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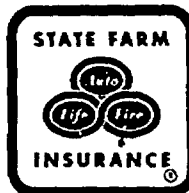
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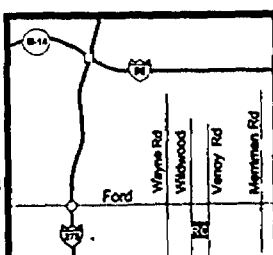
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

OUR VIEWS

Is solution to school dilemma inevitable?

All across Michigan schools are scaling back, privatizing services, trimming staff and even closing buildings.

These are tough times for education in Michigan as per pupil funding continues to be cut. And it almost certainly is going to get worse. So what's to be done?

There is no single or simple answer to that question. So far, the districts are operating on the simple principle of let's keep the cuts as far away from the classrooms as possible. But that doesn't avoid cuts and it's only a matter of time before they do strike deeply into the schools.

There is talk of modifying, or "tweaking" Proposal A, which limits the taxing that is allowed for school districts, but anything that even hints of a tax increase these days is considered political poison.

The reality is, no one has answers for how to solve this dilemma. Likely what will happen is that the districts will cut here and there, wherever the opportunity arises or potential for savings can be realized while doing the least damage.

Ultimately the districts, at least some, will grapple with the reality that they can not function as independent entities and will merge into larger units. Ideally, no one wants to lose the identity of their home school district, but the reality of economics will become unavoidable.

It's sad that we are moving in that direction, but it seems inevitable. It's part of our evolving world.

Politicians need to heed tax facts

There will be a lot of campaign talk this year about taxes. Several themes will be repeated:

- Taxes are bad in general, and tax hikes chase away jobs.

- The best way to attract business and cut employment is to reduce taxes.

- Above all else, never raise taxes during a recession. To do so is sheer idiocy. Everyone knows that.

Or do they? Oddly enough, history shows that states can and do raise taxes during a recession. A study by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities points out that 30 states last year raised taxes.

Those states included such red states as Montana, Kansas, Wyoming and Idaho, among others. Some states raised sales taxes, some raised income taxes, and others raised business taxes. Some raised more than one, or took away tax exemptions, which is another way of pumping up your tax bill.

Meanwhile, here in Michigan, Republicans fall all over themselves trying to see who can most loudly proclaim that taxes are the reason that Michigan is in dire straits and that raising taxes will chase away those few jobs we have left.

Where will those jobs run to? The 30 states that raised taxes last year?

The report from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities makes the counterintuitive claim that states should be raising taxes during a recession. That's the only way, it says, that states can produce enough revenue to provide critical services during a time when tax revenue is declining.

When the economy stumbles, tax revenues decline even as the need for services increases. Without producing more revenue by raising taxes, states can't meet the new demands and risk critical cuts to basic services.

Is this a plea for tax hikes? Not at all. But it is a request for politicians to know what they are talking about. Michigan's economy has suffered more than any other state because of the monumental losses in its manufacturing base.

The job loss was not caused by taxes. Michigan, in fact, generally ranks around the middle of the nation when it comes to tax burdens. That doesn't mean that our tax policy is sound. The way Lansing has butchered the budget process has seen to that. Thus, a ridiculous surcharge was tacked on to a business tax by a Legislature acting as though it were coming out of a wicked hangover. So, we have a sales tax that fails to address the new service-oriented economy.

Taxes are only half the equation. The other half requires a sensible, long-term spending plan that, for instance, addresses the still growing and unsustainable retirement costs for public employees.

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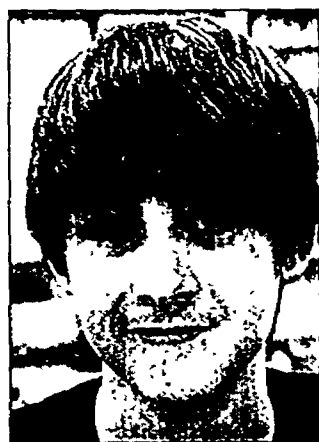
Who is your personal Michigan hero?

(Asked of Our Lady of Victory students who had entered essays in Farm Bureau Insurance's America and Me essay contest.)



"My grandma because she came from Italy at 17, and she worked really hard for what she had."

Sabrina Silvestri
Eighth grade



"My cousin's husband. He was a police officer who started out working in a restaurant, got his degree in criminal justice and was then shot and killed in the line of duty."

Kevin Williams
Eighth grade



"It was my grandpa. He started off poor, but raised himself up and got a family. He was religious, funny and nice."

Kevin Hurley
Eighth grade



"My grandma. I just like to look up to her. She's a good role model, caring and religious."

Katie Erdman
Eighth grade

LETTERS

Say no to Aspen plan

Has anyone else noticed the mud-encrusted "Zoning Change Proposed" sign that was re-erected on the northwest corner of 10 Mile and Beck Road?

Aspen Group wants the 24.242 acres of zoned R-1 Single Family Residential land, which they purchased on Feb. 22, 1999, to be converted for their profit to commercial zoning. They have tried other commercial rezoning petitions over the years, but their new approach is most unusual. It is a carrot-and-stick approach. They have said to residents whose property immediately borders the Aspen land that they will deed 17.100 acres to the city as parkland the 17.100 acres immediately adjacent to the residents' properties if those residents will support a petition for the remaining 7.142 acres to be rezoned to B-3, commercial zoning. Aspen has said that if they don't get what they want, they will build cheap houses on the land right next to the high quality homes of the neighboring subdivisions. Aspen's representatives made statements to that effect at public meetings last year.

The Aspen people forget that Novi residents look at issues long term. If Aspen gets the 7.142-acre commercial rezoning, they will undoubtedly then petition for the residential land which they own on the southwest corner of 10 Mile and Beck to become commercial as well. And if the parkland gift for commercial zoning works for Aspen, then you can bet for sure that Singh Development will be back with their 20-acre commercial rezoning request at 10 Mile and Wixom Road because they were offering parkland too. And then the developer at Napier and Ten will make his requests. Ten Mile road west of Beck would become a commercial corridor rather than the residential one which it is Master Planned to be.

We already have too much retail commercial development in Novi. Briar Point Plaza on the northeast corner of 10 and Beck has two commercial vacancies. West Market Square at Grand River and Beck has 10 commercial vacancies. A further demonstration is just west of the Novi city limits on 10 Mile in Lyon Township where a brand new commercial development called Copperwood had its Rite Aid Drug Store fail, and it has 11 commercial vacancies with only the standalone Chase Bank still surviving.

We certainly hope that the Master Plan and Zoning Committee and the Planning Commission will see through this Aspen Group scheme and uphold the Master Plan for Land Use of the City of Novi. This scheme by these land speculators should not be allowed to prevail. No additional commercial zoning is needed in Novi.

John A. Kuenzel
Novi

Kudos to CC students

On Saturday, Jan. 30, several Catholic Central students volunteered to help move a crumbling library at the Academy of the Americas School in southwest Detroit into

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a new room on the other side of the school building. With enthusiasm and muscle, the boys hefted library shelves, tables, chairs, computers and boxes and boxes of books.

A special thanks to Mr. Bill Hayes for organizing the group of students, which consisted of many members from CC's Brothers' Club. Big thank you's to CC students: Keegan Eckhout, Ben Kehn, Ryan Delacy, Spencer Francis, Anthony Seling, John Rotondo, Jason Price, Sean Carney, Ryan McLaughlin, Alex Moore, Joe Walters, Anthony Capatina, Joe Snyder, Robert Schultz, Sam Villarreal, Patrick Luther, Chase Janer, Marc Rotondo, Ryan Shinkel, Noah Dreyfuss, Owen Franks and Karsten Heppler for all their hard work in helping make possible a new library for the kindergarten-eighth-graders at the academy.

And we are grateful to our parent volunteers — CC counselor Colleen Hanson, Joe Luther, Rick Franks and Mike Follmer and his son, Parker Follmer — in offering up their Saturday to help out with trucks, tools and food.

All of you made the day a special one for so many people.

Robin Franks
Northville

Deadly debt

France, some will remember, gifted the American people with the Statue of Liberty. Americans were grateful for this wonderful gift. China and Japan could even more favorably gift the American people at this moment in cutting the money supply from an addicted, indulgent, maybe even poisonous Congress.

Like feeding crazy U.S. sugar a diabetic or booze to a drunk, our Congress has approved a suicidal, self-inflicted, devouring debt that will prove more devastating to current and future of Americans than any weapon of mass destruction. Is it possible America will soon be unrepairable, crippled without an angry word or any aggressive act, taken down this road with the accelerator against the floorboard?

Jim Nowka
Northville

Thanks, John Thompson

I am hoping you can put an acknowledgment/thank you in your next edition to a Mr. John R. Thompson of Northville, Mich. I lost my wallet at Laurel Park Place parking lot on Saturday, March 6, and he found it. He looked me up, called me at home (left me a message), and took my wallet to the Novi Police Department (the city in which I live).

I cannot tell you how thankful I am to have such a great and trustworthy citizen living amongst us. I called him to thank him and plan to send him a real thank you via the mail tomorrow. People like John R. Thompson are hard to come by. I would love it if you could put a "thank you" in your paper. He lives in Northville and I cannot thank him enough!

Tonya Colliau
Novi

Census advice to snowbirds

Michigan, like other northern states, has plenty of "snowbirds" — that is, residents who travel to warmer climates during the winter months. In this census year, it is critical that the snowbirds who call Michigan their usual residence answer the census form in their home state of Michigan.

Why is this important? Because Michigan can lose up to \$200 million in federal funds per year (\$2 billion per decade!) and may also lose a seat in the U.S. House if snowbirds are not included in the Michigan census.

The League of Women Voters, a partner of the Census 2010 Complete Count Committee, offers this solution: Snowbirds receiving a census form at their winter retreat should enter "0" for the number of people living at their winter address and then write only these words, "Usual residence elsewhere" so the person reading the form understands why "0" was entered. When they return to Michigan, they can fill out the census form that was delivered to their Michigan address OR wait until a census worker visits them at their Michigan home. There is no penalty for having a census worker make a home visit.

Census forms are delivered to households, not to individuals. The form does not ask where you live, nor is there a place on the form to indicate a primary address if you respond to the form from your winter retreat. Every U.S. resident should be counted by the census once, at the residence where they live most of the year.

Counting Michigan snowbirds as residents of another state reduces Michigan's political influence in Congress, reduces the level of federal funding received by state and local agencies, and reduces the accuracy of the census data.

Help Michigan be counted correctly! Please circulate this information to your snowbird friends so that Michigan can receive all the resources it deserves!

Judy Bateman, president
League of Women Voters-Oakland Area

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NORTHVILLE COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Hiller's donates to Red Cross

As part of Hiller's Markets Good Deeds in the Making program to benefit local charities during these challenging economic times, the family-owned chain of seven metro Detroit grocery stores (including Northville on N. Center Street) will donate 100% of the profits from the sales of its popular Premium Albacore Tuna Pasta to the American Red Cross—Southeastern Michigan Chapter throughout the month of March.

Comerica earns Energy Star

Several Comerica Bank locations, including 125 E. Main in downtown Northville, recently earned the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) prestigious Energy Star, the national symbol for superior energy efficiency and environmental protection. This signifies that the building's energy performance rates in the top 25 percent of facilities nationwide.

Commercial buildings that earn the Energy Star use an average of 35 percent less energy than typical buildings and also release 35 percent less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

EPA's national energy performance rating system provides a 1-100 scale that helps organizations assess how efficiently their buildings use energy relative to similar buildings nationwide. A building that scores a rating of 75 or higher is eligible for the Energy Star.

Unusual "Tapestries" on display

Art & Ideas Contemporary Art Gallery & Studio, a recently opened art gallery and teaching studio located just north of Plymouth, is showing new artwork in March that has never been displayed in Michigan. The exhibition, called "Macro-Biology Tapestries," is composed of hanging "gel-medium transfer prints" created by artist-in-residence Shaq Kalaj.

Art & Ideas is located at 15095 Northville Rd. in Plymouth Township, in Provincetown Center. It's across from Phoenix Lake, just north of the eastbound 5 Mile Rd. intersection, right at the intersection where northbound Edward Hines Drive ends at Northville Road. For a map, directions, or other details, see www.artandideastudio.com or call (734) 420-0775.

Tea time

The Northville Historical Society will recreate a cozy tea room at Cady Inn on Saturday, March 27, at 2 p.m.

Served with antique china, guests will enjoy a variety of delectable sandwiches and desserts with freshly brewed tea. An intriguing display of Victorian clothing at the Inn hints at the 3:30 p.m. presentation to follow: The Gibson Girl: A Day in the Life of the New American

Woman © 2000. Juliana Cerra's original one-person program reveals the underpinnings of both fashion and society. From bloomers to ball gown, the Gibson Girl presents an engaging overview of life in 1895.

The cost for the program and Victorian tea is \$25; \$20 for NHS members; \$10 for the program only. There will be preferred seating at the program for tea guests. Seating is limited; reserve seats by noon on March 19 by calling (248) 348-1845.

Teens using drugs workshop

"Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," a free, ongoing, two-part workshop series, will be presented by Ronald Harrison, SW, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti.

Part One: "What To Know," will be presented on Tuesday April 6 from 7:30-9 p.m. It will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part One is repeated every first Tuesday of each month, from October through June each year.

Part Two: "What To Do," will be presented on Tuesday April 13 from 7:30-9 p.m. It will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker. Part Two is repeated every second Tuesday of each month, from October through June each year.

The programs are free and open to the public. Parents, other family members, teens, and people who work with teens are all welcome. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs and teens is provided.

The "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do" program is co-sponsored by Dawn Farm, the Livingston/Washtenaw Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Consortium, and Saint Joseph Mercy Health System Mission Services.

Please phone (734) 973-7892, e-mail teensusingdrugs@gmail.com or go to <http://www.teensusingdrugs.org> for further information.

Looking for Great Homes

American Association of University Women Northville-Novis is looking for a few great Northville homes to feature in its 15th annual AAUW Home Tour. A highlight of the Northville Victorian Festival, the tour will be held for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sept. 18.

Typically homes featured are widely different in architecture and interior design, span three centuries of construction and reflect how families have adapted to 21st century living in a community with a Victorian village at its heart. Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will be answering questions at one home this year.



iDance

The Northville High School Dance Company is in the final stages of rehearsals for their annual show in March. They'll welcome guest performers from Northville High School, including Peter Boylan, Andrew Fuller, Stephen Grimmer, Tyler Hastedt, Cesare Perpetuini, Kyle Traicoff and Donny Yamin. Dancers from seven area dance studios have also been invited to perform, including representatives from the Brighton High School Dance Company. Northville High School will host close to 80 performers in the Dance Company's annual production "iDance" on Saturday, March 20 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 21 at 3 p.m. For more information about the NHSDC or to reserve show tickets online, please visit www.nhsdvc.weebly.com. Tickets also are available at the Northville High School box office (located in the front lobby) one hour prior to each performance. Pictured are (l to r, top row) Lauren Kubert, Kiley Turner, Janie Bauer, Chelsea Vick, Kelsey Reitzloff, Marissa Skinner; (middle) Sarah Brown, Kelly Owens, Sydney Stier, Gianna Galli, Elisabeth Moore; (front) Taylor Clark, Alyssa Wainio, Soia Sandhu, Leah Hastedt and Paige Rafferty.

The home tour is a signature fund-raising event of AAUW which directs its support to advance education in the local, national and international community. One of the ongoing local commitments is annual scholarship contributions to Schoolcraft and Oakland County Community College in addition to established endowments.

If you would like to discuss having your home on the AAUW Home Tour 2010 or would like to be a Home Tour volunteer, please contact event Chair Dianne McCulloch at dmccl@comcast.net.

Be counted!

Answering 10 simple questions on Census Day, April 1 can create a better future for you, your family and your township.

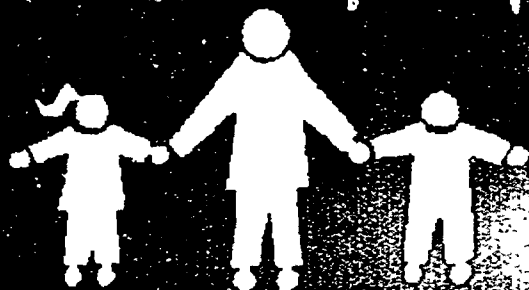
In March, more than 130 million addresses in the United States will receive a U.S. Census 2010 questionnaire form either by mail or from a census worker. One of the shortest census

forms created since the census was first conducted in 1790, this year's form should take only 10 minutes to complete. The form will ask for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship and whether the householder is an owner or renter. People with more than one residence should be counted only at the residence where they spend the largest part of the year. By filling out your census form accurately and returning it by the deadline, you and the members of your household will be counted in the national census, which is used to determine representation in the U.S. House of Representatives, allocate seats in the U.S. Senate and influence how the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities.

For more information about Census 2010, contact Sue Hillebrand, Clerk at 248-662-0491, email: shillebrand@twp.northville.mi.us. Visit the Census website for employment or other information at www.michigan.gov/census2010

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Michigan State Police review race-fixing allegations at 3 tracks

Track operators weren't at fault

Michigan State Police and Michigan Gaming Control Board representatives executed multiple search warrants Thursday at three private residences in Southeast Michigan as part of an ongoing investigation into individuals suspected of race-fixing. Members of the Ontario Racing Commission are also involved in the investigation.

Investigators have identified as many as 30 harness drivers, trainers, owners and gamblers who are believed to have conspired to predetermine the outcome of certain harness horse races at Hazel Park Harness

Raceway, Northville Downs and Swartz Creek Raceway near Flint, to earn a profit through fraudulent wagering. It should be noted that the race tracks have been working and cooperating fully with investigators and are not under investigation.

"Anyone attempting to fraudulently influence the outcome of a horse race or to profit through fraudulent wagering is guilty of a felony," said Col. Peter C. Munoz, director of the MSP. "The MSP takes these allegations seriously and is working closely with the MGCGB to fully investigate

these allegations and any race-related illegal activity."

"The MGCGB is committed to ensuring the highest standards of integrity in Michigan's horse racing industry," said Rick Kalm, executive director of the MGCGB. "Competitors can be assured races will be conducted fairly and those placing wagers should feel confident they have a fair chance to win."

In a telephone interview last Friday with *the Record*, Kalm said the investigation has been going on for almost a year.

"We have identified in excess of 30 people — maybe 31 or 32 — who we believe have been involved in conspiratorial behavior," Kalm said. Because the alleged crimes span

three counties, the Michigan Attorney General would prosecute the alleged offenders rather than county prosecutors.

"Then there's the connection to the Ontario race tracks as well," Kalm said, so Canadian law enforcement would most likely also become involved.

"These actions were affecting the outcome of the races, which is a five-year felony and a \$10,000 fine," Kalm said. But, if investigators can prove that a "continuing criminal enterprise" existed, this could elevate the crime to a 20-year felony.

the industry itself, Kalm said. "Not every race was affected. They selected a race here and there. And, there are no issues remaining with races currently going on."

Kalm said, "It will be a few months down the road before arrest warrants are issued. Investigators are interviewing people involved, reviewing videotape of selected races, and track administrators are providing records. They don't want this type of behavior."

If convicted of the alleged race-fixing, the MGCGB could also take regulatory action against the suspects, suspending or revoking their track licenses.

"They could lose their track

licenses for life at all Michigan tracks, which would ban them from participating in any track activities," Kalm said. "We're taking steps to preserve the integrity of the industry."

No other information about the ongoing investigation is being released at this time. Anyone with information about these allegations or other race-related illegal activities is encouraged to call the MGCGB at (517) 241-1426 or the MSP at (517) 336-3437. Information can be left anonymously. The MGCGB Anonymous Tip Line is (888) 314-2682.

Staff writer Pam Fleming contributed to this report.

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THE SAFETY ZONE

The File of Life

When a medical emergency strikes, time is of the essence. Every second counts when you need help and the Northville Township Fire Department prides itself on giving quality care in a timely manner. Your fire department may need vital information in order to treat your condition effectively. Unfortunately, many people who experience a medical emergency are not prepared for it.

Do you take medication? If you do, do you know what dosage you take? How about your physician's name and phone number? Are you allergic to any medication? What is your pertinent medical history? Anyone should be able to answer these questions. If you are unable to (unresponsive, unconscious) the fire department still needs to obtain this information so that we can treat you appropriately. The best way for the fire department to obtain this information is through the File of Life.

The File of Life is an information kit that you keep in your possession. This kit contains your personal information, emergency contact, medical data, surgeries, allergies

and medical insurance. The File of Life is easy to fill out and is small enough to carry in a purse or wallet.

The Northville Township Fire Department encourages everyone with a chronic medical condition, or people that are on medication to have a File of Life. The fire department also encourages you to have two File of Life's completed.

One is to be kept in your possession and the other to be placed on your refrigerator. A File of Life is free of charge and can be obtained at the Northville Township Fire Headquarters, located on Six Mile road directly across the street from the high school. These are available Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

When anyone is unresponsive and the Northville Township Fire Department is called to render care, we will always look for a File of Life. Obtain a File of Life today -- it might just save your life.

Jason Raschke is a firefighter with Northville Township. He can be contacted at jraschke@twp.northville.mi.us

Two plead guilty to home invasion in township

Defendants Brian Christian Alexander, 32, and Hakim Jamill Welton, 34, both of Detroit, pled no-contest in Wayne County Circuit Court to home invasion first degree and larceny in a building.

In separate plea agreements, Alexander will be sentenced to 4-20 years in prison while Welton will be sentenced to 2 ½ to 10 years in prison.

The sentences are a result of the defendants breaking into a residential home in Northville Township at 1



p.m. on Sept. 18, 2009. The homeowner returned home to discover both Alexander and Welton inside her home and their vehicle parked in her

driveway. Both ran from the home and fled in the vehicle. The homeowner called 911 and Northville Township Police officers located the vehicle and apprehended both suspects.

Both Alexander and Welton are being held in the Wayne County Jail pending sentencing.

On March 5, 2010 in a related investigation, Northville Township detectives arraigned Alexander on additional charges stemming

from another home invasion in Northville Township that occurred on Sept. 14, 2009. Alexander is charged with home invasion second degree, a 15-year felony; larceny in a building, a four-year felony; and habitual offender fourth, up to life in prison.

The arraignment was held at the 35th District Court in front of the Honorable Judge Michael J. Gerou. A not-guilty plea was entered and the next court date is March 19 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

Four tires stolen

1 A 60-year-old resident of N. Northville Place Drive reported that all four wheels, tires and rims had been stolen from her vehicle between 5 p.m. Feb. 16 and 7:05 a.m. Feb. 17.

The woman's vehicle was parked and locked under her carport and left on blocks after the parts were stolen.

Value of the stolen parts was estimated at \$2,000.

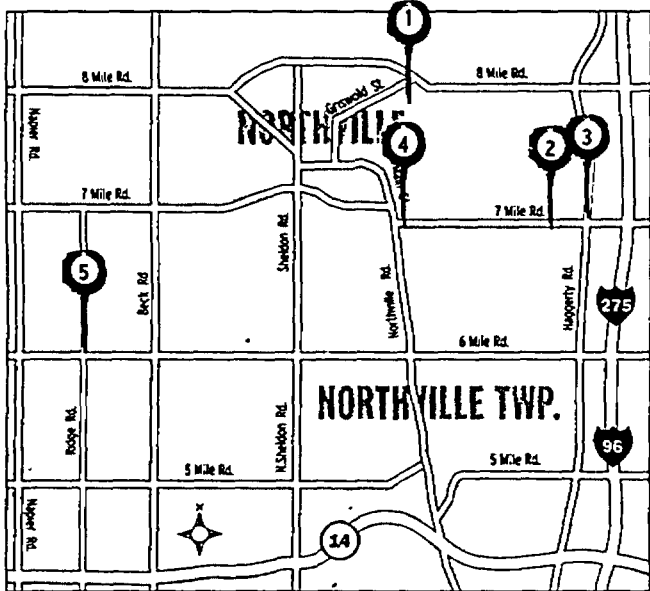
Drunk driving arrest

2 A 22-year-old Northville Township woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:55 a.m. Feb. 18 at Seven Mile Road and Windridge Drive.

The woman was pulled over for turning right onto westbound Seven Mile Road on a No Turn on Red signal.

Police could smell alcohol on the woman's breath when initiating a traffic stop. She said she had been to McDonald's and before that to Doc's Bar in Livonia where she had consumed one beer.

The driver's eyes also appeared to be bloodshot, according to the police report.



Suspended license driver

3 A 36-year-old Dearborn Heights woman was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license at 11:17 p.m. Feb. 19 at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

A police officer in a patrol car behind the woman watched as her vehicle "floated" to the left and drove on the solid, yellow center line.

Police learned that the woman had outstanding war-

rants out of Dearborn Heights and Detroit.

Driving while intoxicated

4 A 29-year-old Highland Township man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:57 a.m. Feb. 20 at Seven Mile Road and Gerald Avenue.

The man was pulled over because his vehicle had a defective license plate light and a defective brake light.

The man's vehicle was also observed crossing over the fog line on westbound Seven Mile Road west of Silver Springs Drive.

Police noticed that he turned on his signal to turn on northbound Silver Springs Drive, then canceled the turn signal and proceeded through the intersection.

He told police he was en route to a friend's home and had come from Brann's Bar and Grille in Northville.

Police could smell intoxicants on his breath, and saw that his eyes were bloodshot. He stated that he had consumed a couple of beers at the restaurant, then later said that he had five-six draft beers.

Driving, no license

5 A 41-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license at 10:51 a.m. Feb. 20 at Ridge and Six Mile roads.

Police learned of the license suspension when they ran his plate while driving behind his vehicle.

He also had an outstanding warrant out of Detroit.

Compiled by staff writer Pam Fleming

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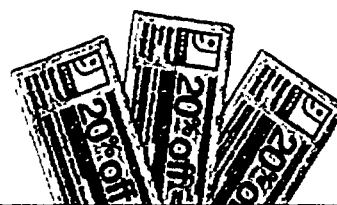
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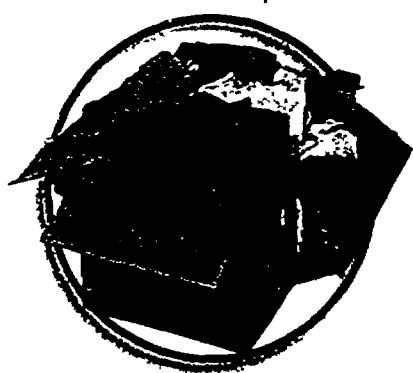


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NORTHVILLE ETC.

Listings: Etc. includes Meetings; Senior Events; Library Lines; Parks and Rec; Volunteering; Support Groups; Clubs and Groups; and Health Events. Please visit our Web site (hometownlife.com) to view the complete listing.

Submit: Send item submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 685-2892; or by mail to Northville Record, 101 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, MI 48178. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

MEETINGS

Northville Public Schools BOARD OF EDUCATION
Date: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Old Village School

City of Northville CITY COUNCIL
Date: First and third Monday of the month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
Date: Third Tuesday of each month
Time: 8 a.m.

Location: City Hall Meeting Room A, on lower level, 215 W. Main St.
Contact: downtownnorthville.com

PLANNING COMMISSION
Date: First and third Tuesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: City Hall
HOUSING COMMISSION
Date: Second Wednesday of every month
Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Date: Third Wednesday of month
Time: 7 p.m.

Location: City Hall
ARTS COMMISSION
Date: Second Wednesday of every month
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
Date: First Monday of every month

Time: 8 a.m.
Details: Individuals and organizations invited to attend.
Location: Northville City Hall, Meeting Room B
Northville Township PLANNING COMMISSION
Date: Last Tuesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township Hall, 44405 West Six Mile
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Date: Third Thursday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township Hall
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Date: Third Wednesday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township Hall
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
Date: Third Monday of month
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Township Hall
YOUTH ASSISTANCE
Date: Second Tuesday of every month
Time: 8 a.m.
Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road
Contact: Sue Campbell (248) 344-1618

SENIOR EVENTS

Senior Community Center
Location: 303 W. Main St.
Contact: (248) 349-4140
THURSDAY
8 a.m.: Walking Club
9 a.m.: TOPS; Massage by appt.
10:30 a.m.: Yoga
11 a.m.: Cribbage
Noon: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
FRIDAY
8 a.m.: Walking Club
11 a.m.: Poker
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
Noon: Walking Club
1 p.m.: Movie
MONDAY
8 a.m.: Walking Club
9:30 a.m.: Mah Jongg
10 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance; Oxyrise
11 a.m.: Adv. Line Dance
Noon: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre
7:15 p.m.: Tai Chi

TUESDAY
8 a.m.: Walking Club
10:30 a.m.: Yoga
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
Noon: Walking Club
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
WEDNESDAY
8 a.m.: Walking Club
9 a.m.: Foot Reflexology by appt.
10 a.m.: Oxyrise
11 a.m.: Strength Training
11:30 a.m.: Walking Club
Noon: Bridge; Walking Club
1 p.m.: Cribbage
7 p.m.: Bridge
CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN VOLLEYBALL
TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside
Details: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1
Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947
ADULT 50+ FUN CO-ED VOLLEYBALL
TIME/DAYS: 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside
Details: Games scored to 15 points with creative team rotation; \$1 per session; all skill levels welcome.
Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947
CO-ED ADULT 50+ OPEN BASKETBALL
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-noon each Thursday
Location: Senior Community Center
Details: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1
Contact: Northville Parks and Recreation (248) 449-9947
HEALTH WALKING
Date: Monday-Friday
Time: 8-10 a.m.
Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
PILATES CLASS
Time/Date: 6 p.m. each Tuesday
BUNCO
Time/Date: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month
Details: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person.
FRIDAY FLICKS
Time: 1 p.m. every Friday
Details: Cost is \$1



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Anything Goes

Meads Mill eighth-grader Halle Bins (far left) and Hillside sixth-grader Chloe Abbott (far right) portray two of 'Reno's Angels' in the Novi Theatres production of "Anything Goes." The show — which includes comedy, romance, intrigue, tap dancing and many of Cole Porter's best songs — stars Novi resident Julie Landry (center) as Reno. Amelia Feinstein and Brandi Steele portray the other angels. "Anything Goes" continues March 12-14 at the Novi Theatres. Tickets are available through www.cityofnovi.org or at the Novi Parks Office in the Novi Civic Center (248-347-0400).

LIBRARY LINES

Northville District Library
Location: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall
Time/Day: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m., Sunday.
Contact: (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials.
Evening Family Storytime
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 17
Details: Children wear your pajamas and enjoy a fun "Fabulous Frogs" storytime. Best suited for children 3 and older, but all ages welcome. No registration required.
Kidz Time 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders
Time/Date: 4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 18
Details: This fun after school activity features stories, games and crafts. This 45-minute program is offered Thursday once a month. Call to register. 248-349-3020
March is Reading Month
Time/Date: Month of March

Details: Kids, ages preschool through 6th grade, can earn a paperback book prize by reading during March is Reading month. Pick up reading logs at Information Desk.
Teens! Library Arcade Tournament
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 13
Details: Teens, grade 6-12, can spend the day at the library and enter our Super Smash Bros. Brawl Library Arcade Tournament. Prizes, hourly door prizes, snacks. Register at 248-349-3020.
Economic Gardening
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 17
Details: Hear gardening expert and author Janet Macunovich explain how to garden on a budget. Call to register at 248-349-3020.

PARKS AND REC

Northville Parks and Recreation
Location: 775 N. Center St. (back entrance of Hillside Middle School)
Contact: For registration and information on camps, classes and

activities call (248) 349-0203 or visit northvilleparksandrec.org
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
DATE/Time: 7 p.m. second Wednesday, every other month beginning in Jan.
Location: Northville Township Hall, 44405 W. Six Mile Road
OPEN FAMILY BASKETBALL
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. every Sunday Sept.-April
Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
Details: \$2 Per person
OPEN 40+ BASKETBALL
Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday
Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
Details: \$3 Per person
OPEN ADULT VOLLEYBALL
Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. every Thursday 9 a.m. noon every Saturday Sept.-April
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside
Details: \$4 Per person
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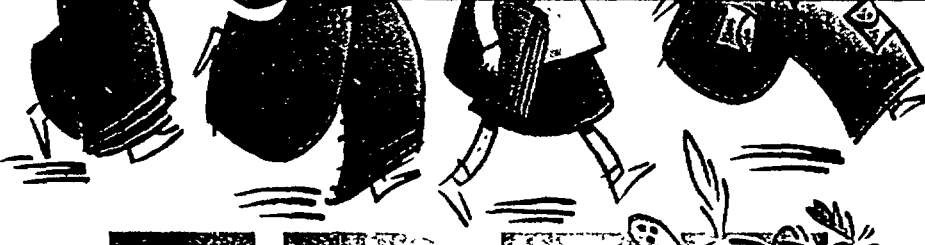
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Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Friday
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside
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OPEN PICKLEBALL
Time/Date: noon every Monday, 6-8 p.m. every Saturday
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside
Details: \$3 Per person Monday \$4 Per person Saturday
OPEN TABLE TENNIS
Time/Date: Noon-4 p.m. every Saturday
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside
Details: \$5 Per person, 8 tables available, All skill levels welcome
OPEN CO-ED 50+ VOLLEYBALL
Time/Date: 10 a.m.-noon every Mon, Wed, Fri
Location: Recreation Center at Hillside
Details: \$1 Per person, all skill levels welcome. Bring your friends
OPEN 50+ PICKLEBALL
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. every Monday
Location: Senior Community Center, 303 W Main St
Details: \$2 Per person, Paddles and balls available
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Details: There are openings for our Board of Directors. The Friends are volunteers who promote reading, support programs in the library and financially support projects not covered by the library's budget. Board members attend a monthly meeting and serve on a committee. If interested, send a letter to Paul Snyder, president of the Friends, c/o Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, 48167.

Heartland Hospice Volunteers Needed
Time: Day and evening training classes
Location: 28588 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 475, Southfield

Details: Caring and compassionate individuals needed to register for Heartland Hospice Volunteer Training. We serve individuals and their families during their end of life journey in the Tri-County area. Office support is needed.
Contact: Mary, (800) 770-9859

Meals-On-Wheels
Date: Ongoing
Time: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Details: Permanent and substitute drivers needed.
Contact: Eileen at Allen Terrace (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday or Judy LaManna (248) 348-1761

Northville Arts Commission seeks Commissioners
Time/Date: 7:00 p.m., second Wednesday of each month
Location: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady
Details: Seeking volunteers and City Commissioners to help grow the Northville Art House. Candidates need only to have a passion for expanding the arts in Northville! Committees are formed to assist in the development and facilitation of Art House educational programs, events and exhibitions.
Contact: 248-344-0497; email art-houseoffice@northvillearts.org or visit www.northvillearts.org

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ENGAGEMENT



Grant & Stackpoole
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CC wrestlers dominate state finals, B4



Canton's Robyn Mack is determined not to let Northville's Tori Wright (No. 20) and Alexandra Moynes (No. 10) take the ball away from her.

Girls basketball season comes to close

■ Squad loses in district final against Canton

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville girls basketball team ended their season last week in fine fashion, making it to the district final before losing to the No. 1 ranked team in the state.

The squad, coached by Todd Gudith in just his second year, earned a 46-30 victory over Plymouth in the opening round of the district tournament and then fell to ranked Canton, 57-29.

"This was a good stepping stone to get into the

final," said Gudith. "We took that first step this season and now our team got a taste of what it's all about, so we can take a bigger step next year."

The Mustangs were stymied in the final by Canton's ability to put back rebounds for points and shooting 24-of-34 from the free-throw line.

The Mustangs fell behind, 34-13, in the first half of the game.

Leading Northville was Katie Giacomini with 12 points while Katherine Jansen had five.

Against Plymouth, the Mustangs found themselves in control of the game from the opening quarter and beyond. The victory, a 46-30 deci-

sion, met one of the team goals for the year.

"One of our goals at the beginning of the year was to win a game in the districts because it's been so long," said Gudith. "This district is one of the toughest in the state with the quality of teams in it."

The Mustangs jumped out 11-10 in the first quarter and led 21-17 at the end of the first half. They never looked back.

Leading the way for the Mustangs in the victory was Alex Moynes with nine points, while Megan Gertley put in seven points and Kendra Brenner added seven of her own.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News

Nick Mudar takes fifth in state finals

■ Senior grapplers do Northville program proud

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Nick Mudar went into the individual state finals telling himself he had what it took to place among the state's best wrestlers.

Mudar proved himself right last weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills, earning several key victories to earn him fifth place at the finals.

The senior co-captain began the day with an 11-4 decision over DeLaSalle's Brennan Kelly to advance out of the first round of the 171-pound weight class. It was in the second round, however, that Mudar met up with Matt Hart of Rochester Adams. Hart and Mudar scrapped until the match was over and an 8-7 decision was awarded to the Rochester grappler.

Mudar didn't let the loss get into his head, however, pushing himself back to victories in the consolation bracket as he beat Holland West Ottawa's Joey McClure, 4-0, and then Pinckney's Ryan Erps, 11-2. Mudar then took on and lost to eventual third-place winner Mike Andring of Holt, 14-6.

The ever-persistent Mudar kept right on chugging though, saving the best for last as he toppled Clarkston's Matt Vandermeer with a pin in 4:31 to secure the fifth-place finish. It was Mudar's



PHOTO BY MARK MEDANVELS

Northville's Nick Mudar (top) competes at the Division 1 Individual State Finals. He went 4-2 at 171 pounds to claim fifth place to earn All-State honors.

40th pin of the season.

Mudar's fellow Mustangs didn't fare as well as he did, however. The other three senior captains put up some tough matches, but didn't have the

fortune of escaping with a place in the upper echelons.

In the 189-pound division, Bobby Lahiff put on a good show in the first round, but couldn't take down eventual runner up Gabe Dean of Lowell. Lowell snagged a fall at the 2:55 mark to earn the win.

Lahiff then went to the consolation round where he faced off against and fell to Utica Eisenhower's Nick Ditomaso. Ditomaso, who went on to take eighth in the weight class, edged the always-tough Lahiff with a 2-0 decision to open the tournament.

Jon Nelson, wrestling at 152 pounds, found himself up against eventual sixth-place winner Drew Morris of Grand Blanc in the opening round, bowing with a 4-2 decision in overtime. His luck didn't turn any better in the consolation bracket as he met up with seventh-place finisher Matt Willming of Anchor Bay and fell in another tightly contested match, 3-2.

Josh Wright, grappling in the 145-pound weight class, had the same unfortunate turn of events. He opened the tournament against Roseville's Kevin Nash, who went on to take third in the division. The final, when the smoke cleared, was a 4-3 decision in favor of Nash. In the consolation round, the Mustang fell, 8-3, against Holt's Tyler Jackson.

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NORTHVILLE HIGH ROUNDUP

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Hockey bows out of playoffs

The Northville Mustangs season came to a close in the first round of the Michigan High School Athletics Association hockey state tournament last week.

The team's consolidation, however, is that they lost to a team that will likely go on to be the state champion in Division I this year. Northville, coached by Jeff Hatley, fell to the Catholic Central Shamrocks, 5-1, last week.

The Shamrocks skated out to a 4-0 lead off of goals by Ian Jacobs, Eric Winkler, Austin Hervey and again from Winkler before Stephen Champagne was able to notch a single goal for Northville with an assist from Cole Brown. The Shamrocks scored their last goal from Jacobs on an empty net in the final seconds of the game.

David Ketelhut faced 42 shots on goal and took the playoff loss. Hatley described it as Ketelhut's best game of the season.

"David showed a lot of poise and composure in goal," he said. "CC really goes to the net hard and David hung tough in the net."

Northville played without forwards Mike Scorzo and Robbie Thornburg.

"I was really impressed with the passion that our players showed tonight and their commitment to team defense," said Hatley. "Despite the loss, they showed well for themselves, their team, their families and Northville High School."

Hatley noted the team has a bright future. Eight forwards, three defensemen and two goalies will all return next year after serious playing time this season.



COURTESY PHOTO

Northville's Bryce Groshek drives to the basket in the Mustangs' win at Hartland.

Boys basketball team earns win, looks to districts




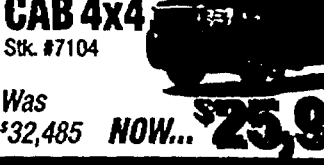
The Northville boys basketball team made some big strides last week, learning the importance of holding a lead and how to maintain composure when the lead is lost.

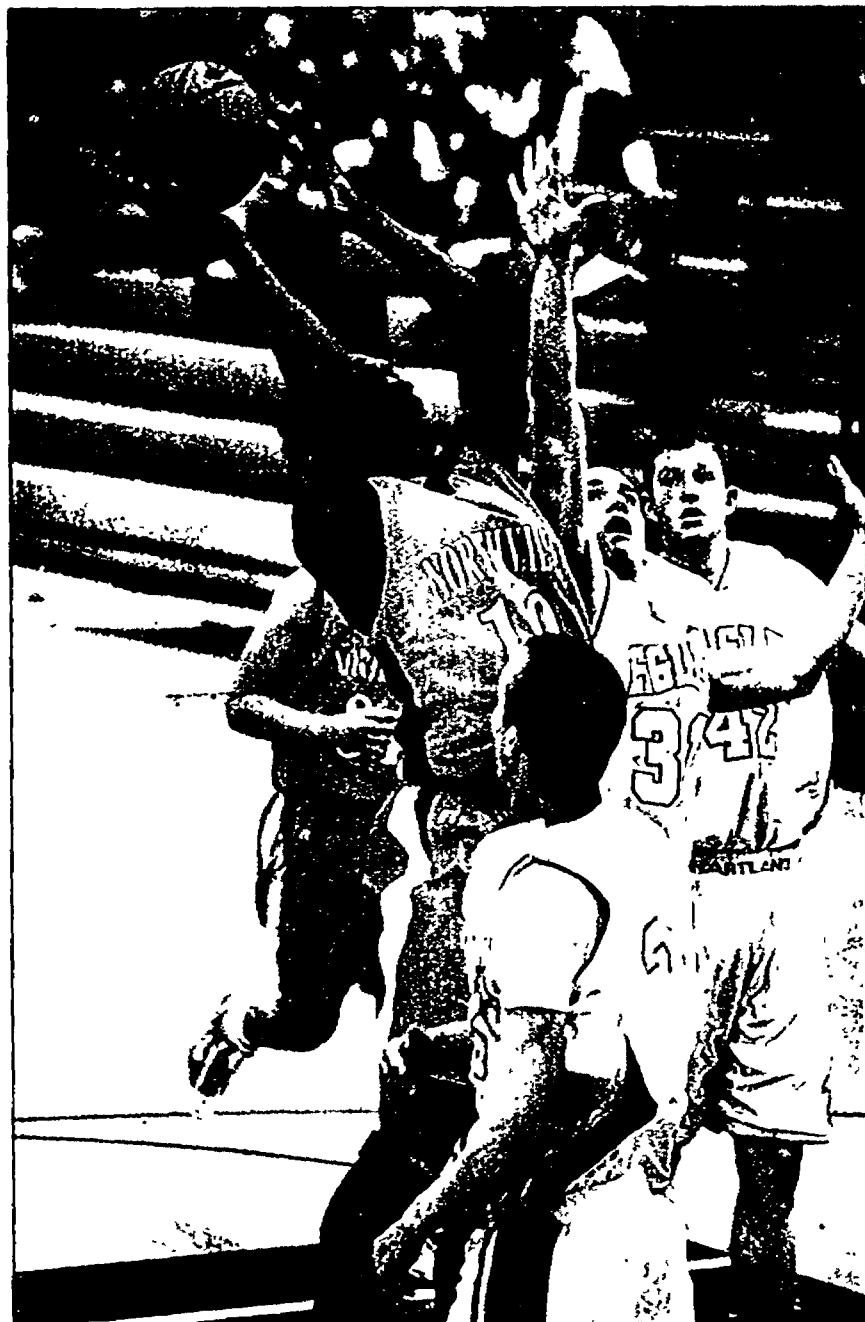
The Mustangs found themselves in control of their game against Hartland for most of the night, but fell behind suddenly in the fourth quarter and had to fight back to earn a 54-49 win over the Eagles.

"I think how we responded after sur-rendering the lead is a sign of our growth and maturity throughout the season," said coach Todd Sander.

The Mustangs leapt out to an 18-12 lead

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Makis Eatmon goes over Hartland defenders.

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in the first quarter before pushing that lead to 29-22 at the buzzer ending the first half.

Hartland fought back in the third, however, cutting the lead to 40-36 before eventually taking over in the fourth quarter with three minutes left to play. A strong defensive resurgence by the Mustangs led to a quick shot and score before the team ceded a turnover and a layup by Tim Hasse to regain the lead and held onto it to secure the win.

"We've made some positive strides during the past couple of weeks," Sander said. "I am proud of how our guys remained focused and kept competing. We've been fighting all season long, and we must keep it up to compete next week. It's a fun time of the year."

Northville was led by Hasse, who had 14 points, while Bryce Groshek added 12—including a 6-for-6 performance from the free-throw line.

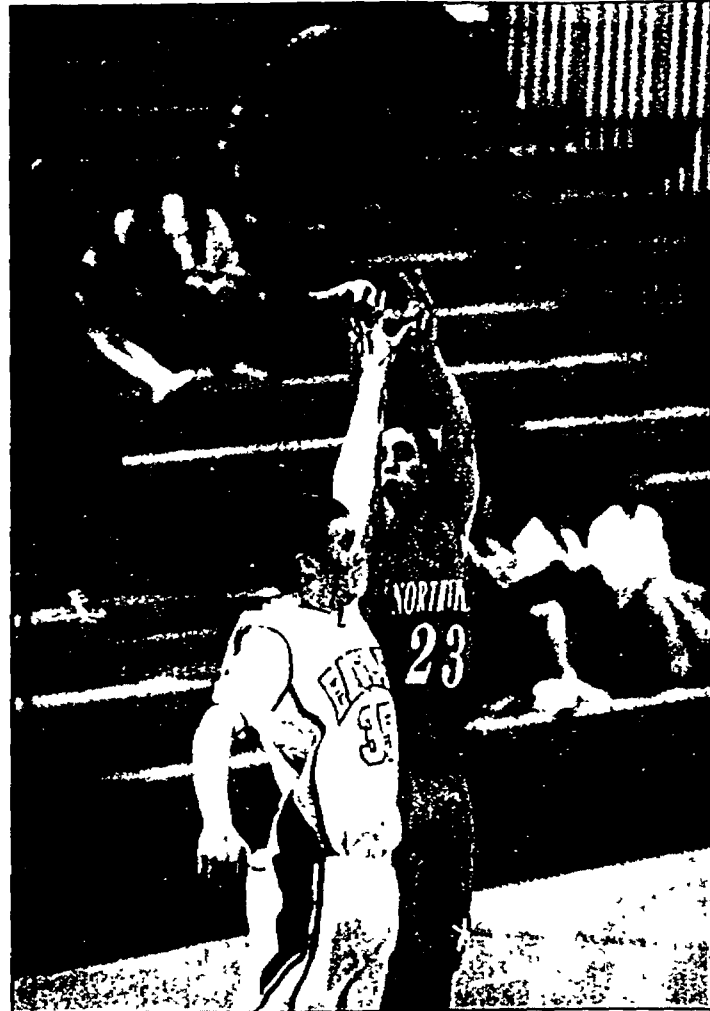
Northville outrebounded Hartland, 28-23, throughout the game.

Thomas continues to shine at Saginaw

Saginaw Valley State University's baseball team split a doubleheader against Wheeling Jesuit University on day three of the Russ Matt Invitational in Florida this past week.

Charlie Thomas, a Northville graduate and senior starter for the Cardinals, had a double in the opening loss against Wheeling and a single in the 7-2 victory in the closing game of the twinbill.

Toney invited to Under-23



COURTESY PHOTO

Tim Hasse goes up for three for Northville against the Eagles.

Women's National Team Training Camp

Danielle Toney, a Northville graduate and standout soccer player for Penn State, was invited to participate in the U.S. Under-23 Women's National Team training camp that took place this week.

Toney is one of six forwards who were invited to the train-

ing camp and one of only two Michigan players to be invited. Jackie Carron, who plays for the University of Michigan and is from Rochester Hills, was also invited as one of the team's seven defenders.

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NORTHVILLE SPORTS BRIEFS

Colts, Stallions player registration

Registration opportunities for new players and cheerleaders interested in playing or cheering for the Northville Colts and Stallions youth football programs will run from March 10-24.

The programs are available for kids between the ages of 8 and 14. More information is available at the website www.northvilleyouthfootball.com.

The teams upon which the youths will be placed are based on the school district in which he or she resides.

A limited number of new player openings are available. Placement will be determined via a lottery if the number of registrations exceed capacity.

Mustang baseball camps


The third annual Northville Mustangs spring training baseball camp will be held March 27-28 at the high school baseball field (or inside if inclement weather).

The hitting camp will be held from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday and the pitching/defense camp from 9 a.m.-noon on Sunday.

The camps are for players age 7-14. Cost is \$45 per session if registered by March 18; \$50 per session at the door.

The cost includes a camp T-shirt.

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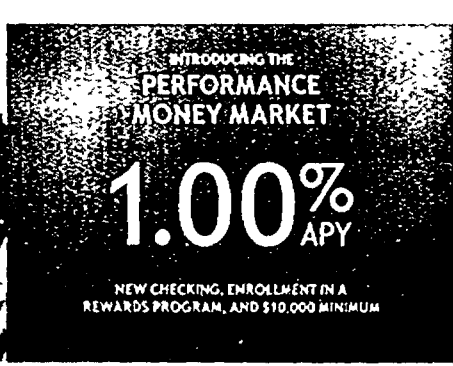

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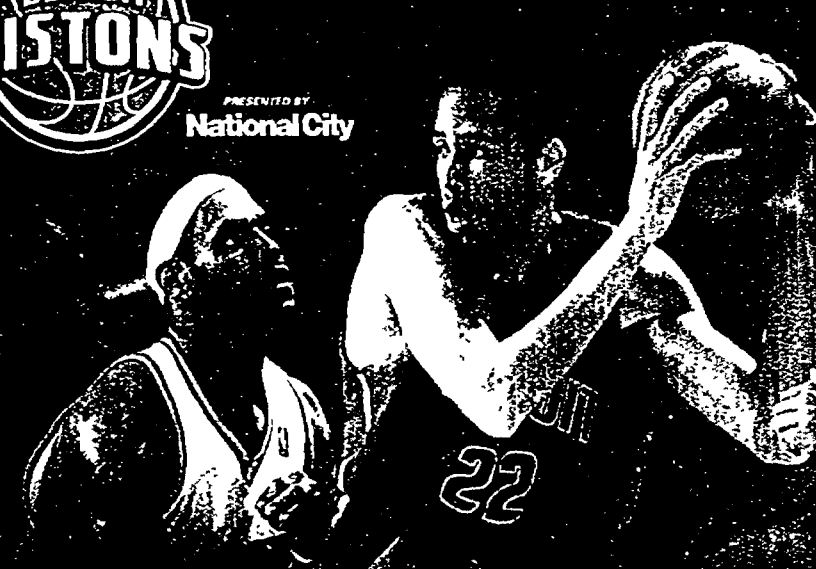
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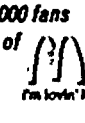
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Northville gymnastics team state finals-bound

■ Squad earns second in regional to head to championships

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

The Northville Mustangs gymnastics team continued the success that has become synonymous with the squad under the guidance of coach Erin McWatt.

The gymnasts earned second place behind Canton at the Region 3 competition last Saturday, scoring a team total of 140.825 points. Canton took first with 144.725 and Livonia Blue took third with 140 points. All three teams will advance to the finals.

The state finals, which will be held in Rockford tomorrow and Saturday, will feature 13 teams and some very impressive competition.

Northville will be well represented with Allison Kemp and Cassidy Winter earning the right to compete in Division I as all-arounders in the individual finals. The top eight gymnasts, including ties, per event go on to the individual finals, and the top six, including ties, in the all-around go on to the individual finals.

At the regional, Winter placed sixth on the vault with an 8.9 and Kemp took seventh with an 8.8. On bars, Winter and Kemp tied for second with a 9.2, while Kemp took second with a 9.4 and Winter took seventh on the beam with an 8.875. The floor event found Kemp taking fourth with a 9.15 and Winter a 9.125 for fifth. All around, Kemp took third with a 36.55 and Kemp was fifth with 36.1.

"So these girls not only qualified for individual finals based on the fact that they were among the top eight per event, but they also placed in the top six in the all-around, automatically qualifying them to compete in all four events," said McWatt.

Amy O'Brien, one of the team's co-captains, will compete at the individual finals on vault and floor with a fifth place finish and a sixth place finish, respectively.

"We had one of our best days of the year on vault, bars and floor, but beam was a little rough," admitted McWatt. "We still haven't peaked, and, fortunately, we have the final and most important competition of the year to do just that."

The Mustangs have a long line of success to follow this year—the six seniors on the team have had their team place in the top 10 at the finals for the past three years.

"We'll be looking to add another top-10 team performance to cap off a fabulous high school career for our veterans," said McWatt. "With but six underclassmen remaining after this season, we'll have some big shoes to fill next year."

O'Brien, Winter and Allison all earned All-Region honors and will be able to compete for All-State honors, depending on their finish at the individual finals.

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Northville High School gymnast Taylor Dempsey.

Shamrocks still rolling toward finals

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

At the beginning of the season, critics wondered if the Catholic Central Shamrocks had what it takes to win another state championship.

The squad, coached by Todd Johnson, may not have a title in their hands just yet, but they're making a point of showing that no one is going to get in their way this early in the post-season.

The Catholic Central skaters notched three big playoff wins to advance to the state quarterfinals against Ann Arbor Huron yesterday.

The squad beat Northville, 5-1, in the opening round before topping Brighton, 8-0, to win the regional. The Shamrocks then edged Livonia Stevenson, 2-0, to win the semifinals and advance.

Against Northville, the Catholic Central scored the first four goals before the Mustangs notched their lone tally in the third period. The Shamrocks collected a final goal with just seconds remaining in the contest on an empty net.

Leading the Shamrocks were Eric Winkler and Ian Jacobs, who each scored twice against Northville. Also collecting a goal was Austin Hervey. Assists were credited to Charlie Green (2), Chris Waterstreet (2), Nick Crowley, Ryan Keller,

Davey Middleton, Ryan Obuchowski, Jimmy Peplinski and Anthony Rossi. Scoring Northville's lone goal was Stephen Champagne, who tallied the score at 5:56 in the third period. Cole Brown earned the assist.

Against Brighton, Catholic Central tallied a shut-out with an 8-0 decision.

The squad scored four in the first, three in the second and just one in the third as they easily skated away with the win. Earning goals were: Middleton, Brad Wilhelm, Jacobs, Jacob Downing, Eric Fragoso, Hervey and Winkler. Earning assists were Sean Gaffney (2), Hervey (2), Keller, Peplinski, Steven Hayden, Mitchell Gatt, Nolan Gluchowski, Wilhelm, Obuchowski, Waterstreet and Crowley.

The 2-0 victory over Livonia Stevenson found the Shamrocks scoring at the 11:33 mark in the first period and at the 11:29 mark in the second stanza. Scoring were Hervey and Middleton while Gaffney, Middleton and Crowley earned assists.

Zack Cisek earned all three wins in goal, stopping a combined 44 shots. The Shamrocks, on the other hand, peppered their opponents with 126 shots over the three games.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2010 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

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TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010:	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010:	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2010:	9:00 a.m. until finished for Deliberations
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010:	8:00 a.m. Final Administrative Meeting

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed value for 2010, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2010 Real and Personal Property Assessments: WAYNE COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. OAKLAND COUNTY - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

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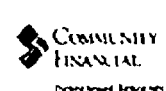
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Shamrocks dominate at State Finals

Mooradian, Melick, Eldridge win titles

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER

Catholic Central followed up a team state title Feb. 27 by placing 10 wrestlers and adding three individual state titles at this past weekend's individual state finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"I'm still in awe," said CC head coach Mitch Hancock. "It's just a testament to their hard work and character. We're going to continue to raise the bar like Catholic Central always does. We've got to get more guys in the finals and get more champs."

Doug Eldridge was the last Shamrock to compete for a state title at 145 pounds. His takedown late in the match earned the senior a 6-5 victory and provided the ultimate finish to the tournament for the Shamrocks.

"That one was big. He's our captain," said Hancock. "I'm so excited for him. I really am."

"It caps off our whole year. What an ending."

Eldridge (48-8) trailed 2-0 to Lowell's Andrew Morse after the first period but evened the match at four with a takedown and a two-point nearfall in the second period.

Morse earned an escape point with 52 seconds remaining in the third to lead 5-4.

The clock ticked past 20 seconds when Eldridge made a bullrush move that paid off into a takedown with 13 seconds remaining. He rode out the rest of the period and jumped up and pointed at the wildly cheering Shamrock faithful.

"It's an amazing feeling. There are no words to describe what I'm feeling right now," said Eldridge. "That's the perfect way to cap off your senior year with an individual title and a team title."

Sophomore Alec Mooradian made it two titles in two years about an hour earlier. The champion at 112 pounds last year, bumped up to 119 this



Alec Mooradian celebrates winning his second-consecutive state title.

season. The results were the same as Mooradian romped through the first two rounds with a pin and a 10-1 decision to reach the semis.

Mooradian faced off with Jack Scholten from Rockford and the two finished deadlocked at two at the end of regulation. Mooradian was able to get the point needed in overtime to get the 3-2 win and a spot in the finals.

Davison's Brandon Stuart was the last man standing, but Mooradian was in control throughout.

After a scoreless first period, Mooradian earned an escape point for the lone point of the second. He put the finishing touches on the match with a two-point nearfall in the third to win 3-0 and finish the year 59-1.

"It's great," said Mooradian. "Last year winning it as a freshman and getting an undefeated season, that was great but this is even better. This is unbelievable. It's a lot more pressure."

Hancock knows he has a special wrestler in Mooradian.

"He finds a way to win. That's the bottom line," said



CC's Mike Kinville waves as the Shamrocks take part in the Grand Parade during the Individual State Finals this past weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

CC's Mike Kinville waves as the Shamrocks take part in the Grand Parade during the Individual State Finals this past weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Hancock. "He's really solid on top. When he gets the chance to turn someone he does it."

"There was a lot of pressure on him as a returning state champ, and I think he showed today that he's one of the best wrestlers in the state of Michigan."

The third individual title came from Justin Melick at 135 pounds. Like Mooradian, Melick (49-7) controlled the match throughout. He led 2-0 after the first, earned an escape and a takedown in the second to leave 5-0 and finished the match off with a takedown in the third for a 7-0 victory against Tanner Zych from Caledonia.

"It's definitely a nice feeling," said Melick. "I've been to the state meet before. I was a little more used to it this time."

"It's real exciting to win a team title - individual, it's just

yourself. It's what you can do. You can't rely on anyone else."

The fourth Shamrock to make the title match was sophomore Todd Melick at 112 pounds.

He ran into a buzz saw in Holt's Freddie Rodriguez, last year's 103-pound champion.

Rodriguez led 4-1 after the first and 8-3 after two periods. He went on to win 20-7.

Todd Melick finished the year 34-3.

Hancock is thrilled to have two competitive brothers place so high together in the biggest tournament of the year.

"They're just an amazing 1-2 tandem," said Hancock. "They are just go-getters. They're just phenomenal athletes, and they work extremely hard. I'm just so happy for both of them."

The last of the Kinville lineage, Mike, lost his second match of the tournament before rallying for four-straight wins to place third.

He won the first match by fall before falling 8-5 to Oxford's Prescott Line.

After winning the next three matches by a combined score of 32-1, Kinville faced Line again for third place.

The two finished tied at two in regulation. After a scoreless first overtime, Kinville earned an early escape point. Line retaliated with an escape point early in the third overtime.

Line started in the down position to start the fourth overtime and needed to earn an escape to win the match. Line almost got it with one second remaining, but the two were ruled out of bounds just as Line broke free. The two were sent back to the middle, and Kinville (54-4) held him down as the final second elapsed for a third-place finish.

"It was a good way to end it," said Kinville. "I really wanted to go out with a win."

Hancock is sad to see the Kinville era come to an end. "He's a two-time All-Stater. Michael showed a lot of char-



CC's Justin Melick captured a state title at 135 pounds with a 7-0 blanking in the finals.



Shamrock Doug Eldridge won a state title at 145 pounds, winning the final match 6-5 on a late takedown.

acter in coming back and placing third," said Hancock. "I wish there were five more (Kinvilles). I love the family. They are great for Catholic Central."

The parade to the podium continued throughout the tournament for the Shamrocks.

CC doubled up at 103 pounds with Ken Bade (54-5) capturing third and T.J. Fagan (45-16) placing fifth. Bade went 4-1, winning his first two and last two matches. He capped it off with a 4-0 win for third.

Fagan won his first match, lost his second, won two more before losing again and finished it off with a 4-0 win to place fifth.

Nick Mason (45-20) claimed fourth place despite losing his first match at 130 pounds. He

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Alec Mooradian - 119 pounds
Justin Melick - 135
Doug Eldridge - 145

Runner-up
Todd Melick - 112

Third place
Ken Bade - 103
Mike Kinville - 215

Fourth place
Nick Mason - 130

Fifth place
T.J. Fagan - 103

Seventh place
Miles Trealout - 189

Eighth place
Charlie Joseph - 125

fought back in the consolation bracket with four-consecutive wins to reach the third-place match where he got edged out 4-3 for fourth. Miles Trealout (44-22) also had to fight back out of the consolation bracket early at 189 pounds. He lost in the opening round but won the next two matches to guarantee a top-eight finish. He lost the next match but finished the tournament off with a 6-0 victory for seventh.

Charlie Joseph (43-21) was another one of the 10 All-Staters for CC. He finished eighth at 125 pounds. Joseph lost his first match before winning the next two to guarantee the podium. He lost his final two matches.

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Novi resident Emily Samuelson stands on the streets of Vancouver with ice dancing partner Evan Bates before the opening ceremonies Feb. 12. The pair went on to finish 11th in Olympic competition.

Olympic experience a blast for ice dancer

Samuelson preparing for 2010 World Championships and thinking of 2014 Games

BY CHRIS JACKETT
CORRESPONDENT

It's not every day that you get to have lunch with an Olympic medalist. But for Novi's Emily Samuelson, who was participating in the Olympic Games as an ice dancer, that was exactly the case.

She was able to have lunch with the likes of long-track speedskater Chad Hedrick (bronze in 1,000 meter), short-track speedskater Katherine Reutter (silver in 1,000 meter, bronze in 3,000-meter relay) and U.S. hockey player Jack Johnson (silver) during her trip to Vancouver last month.

"There were lots of buildings split up with one or two countries in it. It was us with the Chinese team on the far side," Samuelson said. "I'd go and find someone with U.S. apparel on and go up and introduce myself."

With 216 U.S. athletes, she had a new lunchmate every day.

Rising with 17-year-old individual figure skater Rachael Flatt, the 19-year-old

Samuelson said the sixth floor of their building comprised of all the U.S. figure skating contenders, so familiar faces surrounded her.

"There's definitely a lot of camaraderie among all the U.S. athletes," Samuelson said of her buildingmates.

Arriving in Vancouver Feb. 11, Samuelson was able to participate in the opening ceremonies the following day before splitting the next two weeks between training and taking in the vibrant atmosphere herself.

First up was the business side of things. She and ice dancing partner Evan Bates (Ann Arbor) spent two or three hours per day on the ice at the Pacific Coliseum during the five days leading up to their first event on Feb. 19.

"We didn't have too much time to do much else because we were still training. I liked the ice a lot over there," Samuelson said, adding that she and Bates had skated there during last year's Four Continents Championships.

The duo place 11th at the Olympics, same as their 2009 World Championships finish. The 2010 World Championships are right around the corner, as the pair leaves March 20 for Turin, Italy, where they will compete March 23-26.

"It'd be nice to move up a place or two. It's a kind of key competition because some teams do retire right after the Olympics," said Samuelson, who plans to participate in the 2014 and, possibly, 2018 Olympics. She notes that her long-term plan is, "each year, doing better at each international competition. We'll just take it one at a time."

Taking the gold at last month's Olympics were Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir of Canada. Earning silver medals were Americans Meryl Davis (West Bloomfield) and Charlie White (Dearborn). Both teams train through the Arctic Figure Skating Club at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton under coaches Igor Shpilband and Marina Zoueva.

"It was awesome. Both teams are very good friends of ours," Samuelson said. "I think it's their coaches. Southeastern Michigan has a lot of really good Russian ice dance coaches, so I'd credit that."

After competition wrapped up for the ice dancers Feb. 22, Samuelson was able to enjoy some of the other events, such as alpine skiing, speed-skating and her first-ever ice hockey game — the U.S. men's 2-0 quarterfinal win over Switzerland on Feb. 24.

"We basically just relaxed and took in a couple events. My first hockey game was up there," Samuelson said. "I took in as much as I could."

With the success of both the men's and women's ice hockey teams, Samuelson also enjoyed her second and third hockey games — both gender's gold medal losses to Canada.

"It was incredible. Best hockey game I've ever been to," she said of the men's overtime final.

Returning home last week, Samuelson will already be leaving the country next week for more competition, but she doesn't mind much. It's the life of Novi's Olympic ice dancer.

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer and former Novi News staff writer.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL ROUNDUP

BY SAM EGGLESTON
CORRESPONDENT

Bowling team shocks foes with state championship

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks bowling team, coached by A.J. Bridges, may not have been ranked at all this season, but they showed that rankings mean absolutely nothing in the larger scope of things as they ranked themselves as king with a Division I state championship last weekend.

The squad had scraped into the tournament with a tough regional finish last week, and fought their way into the semifinals by finishing seventh out of eight qualifying teams.

The team then found their spark, going on to defeat Plymouth Salem and Flint Carmen Ainsworth to earn a right to take on Macomb Dakota in the state championship match.

The Shamrocks built a lead through the Baker games and into match play through the strong bowling of captains Tom Zahari and Scott Kujawa.

When the pins landed and the smoke cleared, the Shamrocks had earned the state title by a score of 1834-1565.

Detroit Catholic Central dominated in the baker rounds, taking an 846-703 lead before securing the win.

Kujawa led the Shamrocks in the final game with a 226.

"It was a fight from the beginning," Kujawa told the Detroit Free Press. "Our semifinal game we had a pretty big cushion, and then this one we had about 140, so we were so set. We built momentum the whole time starting in the quarterfinals against Salem."

The championship marked the first-ever Division I state title for the Shamrocks bowling team.

Basketball falls in districts

The Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks basketball team added two late games to their regular-season schedule to help prepare them for the district tournament, which ended Monday night with a season-ending loss to the Novi Wildcats, 52-38.

The loss dropped the Shamrocks to 10-9 on the season while Novi climbed to 16-5.

Earlier in the week, the Shamrocks took on Detroit Frederick Douglass and Detroit Cody in hopes of preparing for their tough match-up with Novi. The Shamrocks defeated Frederick Douglass, but fell to state-ranked Detroit Cody two days later.

Swim team takes second in CHSL championships

The Shamrocks swimming and diving team earned itself a hard-fought second-place finish in the Catholic High School League championships last week. Taking first was Brother Rice. Detroit Catholic Central was led by senior Brady Small, who won the 200 free and took second in the 100 free. Joe Brinkman won the 200 individual medley and took third in the 100 fly, while Sean Ryan finished first in the 100 backstroke and fourth in the 200 IM. Brinkman, Ryan and Small combined their talents with Tony Thibodeau to win the 400 relay.

Catholic Central also got a second place in the 200 medley relay with the team of Dan Burton, Ryan Newman, Nick Baldus and Thibodeau, while Baldus also captured a third in the 200 free. In the 200 individual medley, Newman took seventh while Gabe Kowalczyk took 12th.

The Shamrocks did well in the 50 freestyle with Thibodeau taking sixth, Alex Elenbaas taking 10th and Tyler Mikols taking 11th. In the 100 fly, Baldus finished fifth while Thibodeau took sixth and Mikols 11th in the 100 free.

In the grueling 500 freestyle, Scott Winslow took eighth for the Shamrocks and Evan Chabala and Paul Hagemeyer were ninth and 11th, respectively. The 200 free relay team of Small, Baldus, Mikols and Brinkman took second while Burton took second in the 100 backstroke and Justin Wenzel took fifth and Charles Roelant took 10th.

The 100 breaststroke found Newman taking fourth, while Kowalczyk took sixth and Aidan Schenkus took 11th for Catholic Central.

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer and former staff sports writer for the Northville Record and Novi News.

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2. How did you first decide to open your business?

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3. How did you choose this area?

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4. What makes your business unique?

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Northville Vision's Dr. Martin Levin, right, and his staff (l to r) - Cathy Merritt, Rhonda Slaughter and Vicky Slaughter.

comfortable and have a pleasant experience in our office.

5. How has it changed since you opened?

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6. Do you have a funny tidbit or story about your experience as a small business owner to share with our readers?

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7. How has the recent economy affected your business?

We have survived quite well during these troublesome times. Programs have been set up to aid patients who lost or do not have any optical insurance. I feel it is important to give back to the community that has supported

me all these years.

8. Any advice for business owners?

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Schoolcraft College offers seminars

Schoolcraft College's Small Business and Technology Development Center is offering several seminars in March that cater to the unique needs of entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Reservations are required. To reserve a seat for these or any other SBTDC seminars, call (734) 462-4438 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/bdc/sbtde_seminars.asp for registration instructions. All of the seminars are held at the VisiTech Center on Schoolcraft College's main campus in Livonia, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads. The Entrepreneur Series includes:

* Starting a Business: Wednesday, March 24, 6-9 p.m., \$30

* Business Legal Issues: Tuesday, March 16, 9:30 a.m.-noon, \$40

* Writing a Business Plan: Wednesday, March 17, 9:30 a.m.-noon, \$40

* Marketing Your Business: Thursday, March 18, 6-9 p.m., \$40

* Finance: Wednesday, Feb. 24, 6-9 p.m., or Wednesday, March 31, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., \$40

In addition, the SBTDC will offer "Working for Yourself: The Ins and Outs of Becoming a Consultant, a Contractor, or other Service Provider," Wednesday, February 24, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and again on Wednesday, March 24, from 6-9 p.m. The cost is \$40.

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Women's Business Network will host "Create Your New Economy!" business and networking expo on March 20 at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford.

The all-day event will include eight dynamic women presenting pertinent information on the legal, financial, marketing and other important aspects of running a business. Pointers for success and how to make an excellent personal impression on prospective clients will also be presented. Several example makeovers will be completed. There will be numerous opportunities for networking with other local women professionals throughout the day. The organization expects 100 attendees. The cost of attendance is \$45 per person, or \$120 for three tickets, if registered by March 1. Thereafter, tickets will be \$55 per person. Lunch provided by Baker's of Milford is included in the ticket price.

Vendor space is available to promote your business to attendees. The cost for an eight-foot table display is \$30, plus the cost of admission. Vendors may choose to share their space and the rental cost among multiple businesses if desired. Each vendor in attendance will be responsible for the cost of admission.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Debra Downing at (248) 252-2952 or downingddd@aol.com.

Oakland offers business workshops

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars offered at the Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, west of Telegraph, Waterford. For location specifics and pre-registration, visit www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar or call (248) 858-0783. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months.

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Not Getting Hired? 10 Reasons Why

Rachel Zupek, CareerBuilder.com writer

You don't understand. You updated your résumé, you're applying to jobs every day, you've cleaned up your digital dirt and you network every day. Yet here you still are on the unemployment list. What is wrong with employers?

Unfortunately, many job seekers don't stop to consider that the problem might not be employers but themselves.

It's a hard concept that most job seekers have trouble wrapping their heads around, but applicants frequently (and inadvertently) display signs that tell an employer that they're not the best fit for the job.

According to a 2009 CareerBuilder survey, 47 percent of employers said that finding qualified applicants is their biggest hiring challenge. When asked to identify the most valuable characteristics in new hires, employers cited multitasking, initiative and creative problem-solving.

Do you lack what employers want? Yes, there are fewer jobs and there is more competition, but are you doing everything you can? Here are 10 reasons why employers might have passed you by.

1. You lie

Any lies you tell in your job search, whether on your résumé or in an interview, will come back to haunt you. In a 2008 CareerBuilder survey, 49 percent of hiring managers reported they caught a candidate lying on his or her résumé; of those employers, 57 percent said they automatically dismissed the applicant. Everything you tell an employer can be discovered, so it behooves you to be honest from the get-go. If you're concerned about something in your past, invention is not the answer. Use your cover letter to tell your story, focusing on your strengths and accomplishments and explaining any areas of concern if needed.

2. You have a potty mouth

It's certainly tempting to tell anyone who will listen how big of a (insert expletive here) your current boss is, but a hiring manager for a new job is not that person. A 2009 CareerBuilder survey showed that 44 percent of employers said that talking negatively about current or previous



employers was one of the most detrimental mistakes a candidate can make. Find a way to turn those negative things into positives. If you can't get along with your co-workers, for example, tell the prospective employer that you're looking for a work environment where you feel like you're part of a team and your current position doesn't allow for that kind of atmosphere.

3. You don't show long-term potential

Employers want people in their organization to work their way up, so it's best to show that you want to and can grow with the company. If you were asked where you see yourself in five years and you gave an answer that wasn't related to the position or company you're interviewing with, kiss your chances goodbye. Ask questions like, "What type of career movement do you envision for the most successful candidate in this role?" It shows that you have envisioned your future at the company.

4. You have serious digital dirt

Social networking sites and online searches are the newest way that many employers are checking up on prospective hires. A 2009 CareerBuilder survey showed that 45 percent of employers use social networking sites to research candidates. Thirty-five percent of those employers found content that caused them to dismiss the candidate. Make sure to remove any photos, content or links that can work against you in an employer's eyes.

5. You don't know ... well, anything

In two separate 2009 CareerBuilder surveys, 58 percent of employers said that coming to the interview with no knowledge of the company was a turnoff, and 49 percent said that not asking good questions cost candidates a job offer. Plain and simple, do your homework before an interview. Explore the company online, prepare answers to questions and have someone give you a mock interview. The more prepared you are, the more employers will take you seriously.

6. You acted bored, cocky or disinterested

A little enthusiasm never hurt anyone, especially when it comes to a potential new job. Forty-five percent of employers in a 2009 CareerBuilder survey said that the biggest mistake candidates made in the interview was appearing disinterested and 42 percent said appearing arrogant cost applicants the job. Every business wants to put their most enthusiastic people forward with important clients and customers, so acting the opposite will get you nowhere.

7. You were a little too personal

Seventeen percent of employers said that candidates who provided too much personal information in the interview essentially blew their chances at the job, according to a 2009 CareerBuilder survey. Not only does personal information offend some people, but anytime you talk about

topics such as your hobbies, race, age or religion, you're setting yourself up for bias. Though it's illegal for employers to discriminate against applicants because of any of these factors, some will do so, regardless.

8. You were all dollars, no sense

As a general rule of thumb, you should never bring up salary before the employer does. Doing so is tacky and makes the employer think that you care about the money involved, not about helping the employer succeed. If the topic does arise, however, be honest about your salary history. Employers can verify your salary in a matter of minutes these days, so lying only makes you look bad.

9. You didn't -- or can't -- give examples

Hiring managers want people who can prove that they will increase the organization's revenues, decrease its costs or help it succeed in some way. If all you give to an employer is a bunch of empty words about your accomplishments, you don't demonstrate how you can help the company. In fact, 35 percent of employers said that the most detrimental mistake candidates make is not providing specific examples in the interview. The more you can quantify your work, the better.

10. You don't have enough experience

Managers don't have as much time as they used to train and mentor new employees. The more experience you have, the more likely you are to hit the ground running without a lot of hand-holding. The best way to show that you know what you're doing is to give the employer concrete examples of your experience in a given job duty.

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1 Singer Ian
6 Get the picture
11 Bespectacled dwarf
14 Craze
17 Colendo's "Dejection."
18 Pled up
20 Honest name
21 Nutritional abbr.
22 Start of a remark
24 "Short" — ("86 film")
26 — di-dah
27 Cavalry characteristic
28 Wapiti
30 First-class
31 Neighbor of Cal.
32 Hindu deity
36 Excludes
37 Caution
40 Peter of "Becket"
42 Long-legged wader
44 Part 2 of remark
50 Tree trim
51 Meschivous
52 Tigger-happy guy?
53 Cen. segments

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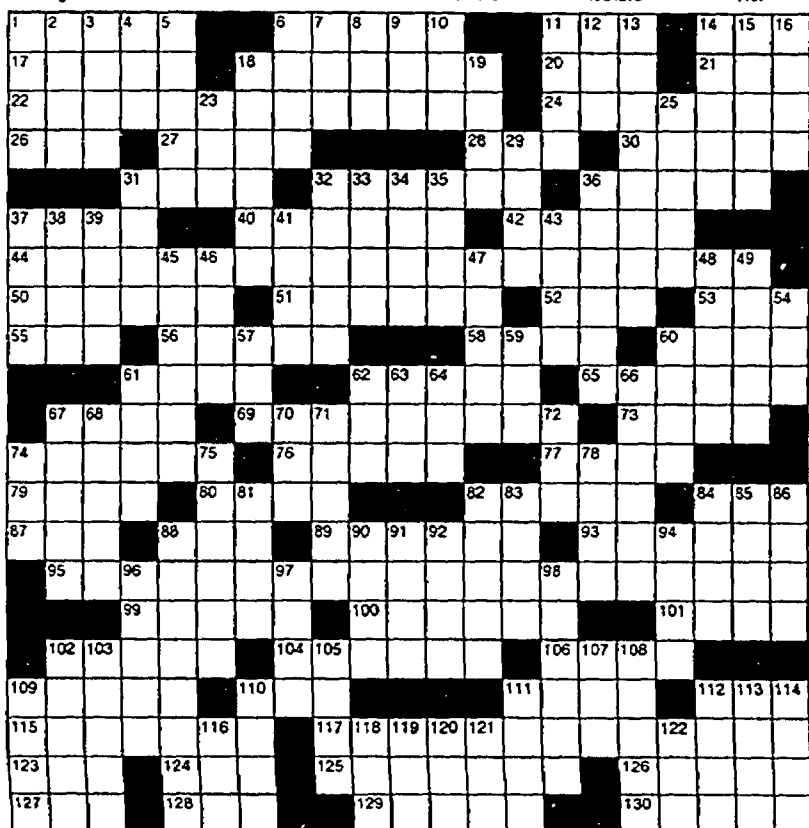
1 Secure spot
2 Dancer
3 Pavlova
4 A mean
5 Passover meal
6 Feds
7 Vole lon
8 Gray matter?

ACROSS

55 Label
56 Mortgages, e.g.
58 Virginia —
60 Small comb
61 Adolescent
62 Which wheels?
65 Repeated
67 TV's — "City"
69 Part 3 of remark
73 Temporary calm
74 Watch doctor
76 Synonym source
77 Support
79 Sheet of stamps
80 Heady quaffs
82 Destroyed
84 Regulatory agency
87 White House spokesman
88 Saut — Marie, MI
89 Alex Rieger, for one
93 Bunch of bass
95 Part 4 of remark
99 Black or Valentine
100 Reach
101 Riches' predecessor

DOWN

102 Rubbish
104 Mortarboard
106 Cookbook author
109 Guitar features
110 John — Passos
111 On the bony
112 Fast fier
115 Last name in talk
117 End of remark
123 Mineral
124 Wrong suffix
125 Printing
126 Romeo and Juliet
127 — Guevara
128 Dram
129 Examine
130 Like a lummo



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AIM FADE MEADOW
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FORD TOPS GM IN FEBRUARY SALES, BUT WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

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By Dale Buss

February marked the first month since August 1998 that Ford Motor Co.'s monthly sales topped those of chief rival General Motors Co., providing an unexpected jolt in a month when the broad industry was handicapped by severe winter weather in the northeast regions of the country -- and by the spillover from Toyota's safety-recall debacle.

Total U.S. auto sales for the month were 779,743 units, an increase of about 13.5 percent from year-earlier sales of 687,182, when the American automotive market was at the very bottom of one of its biggest slumps ever. And the February pace represented a seasonally adjusted annual sales rate of 10.4 million units, a number at the upper middle of most SAAR projections.

"The good underlying news is that the industry hasn't gone into reverse in terms of its recovery," said Jessica Caldwell, senior industry analyst for Edmunds.com. "At the beginning of the month there was weak retail performance, but when Presidents' Day [sales] came around and there were good deals out there, we saw strong sales -- even stronger than history would indicate."

Especially for Ford. The long-time No. 2 U.S. automaker became No. 1 again for at least a month, decades after the last time that Ford was the nation's most

prolific vehicle producer and about 12 years since a strike was crippling GM -- and opened the door briefly for Ford to assume the top spot.

Ford's sales increased by 43 percent over February 2009 and by 22 percent over January of this year. Car sales were up 54 percent versus a year ago; utilities were up 39 percent; and trucks were up 36 percent. Ford brand sales rose 46 percent in February; Lincoln sales increased by 19 percent; and Mercury sales were up 24 percent.

"The strength of our new products and Ford's leadership in quality, fuel efficiency, safety, smart design and value are resonating with customers," said Ken Czubay, Ford's vice president of U.S. marketing, sales and service.

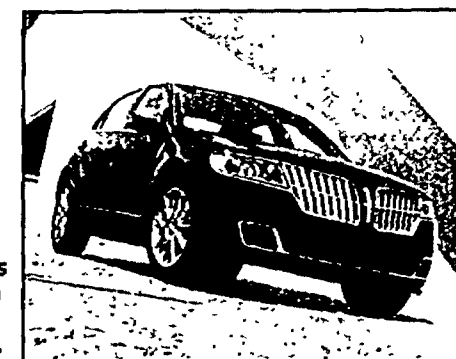
Edmunds.com's Caldwell agreed. "They've got a balanced portfolio of products; they're not putting all their eggs in one basket." She also noted that GM now is down to only four core brands, just like Ford's stable (including Volvo for now). "That equals the playing field." Strong fleet sales also boosted Ford.

It also helped Ford that Toyota had pretty much left the field in February. Toyota's overall U.S. sales were down nearly 9 percent -- almost 11 percent for the Toyota division, which has borne the brunt of the bad news about recalls. Over all three of its brands, because of



The Lincoln MKZ is helping Ford lead a resurgence in the luxury-car market.

Hot sales of the Ford Fusion were one big reason that Ford surpassed GM's overall totals in February.



the publicity and lost momentum in its dealerships, the company sacrificed about 18,000 sales in February compared with typical levels, estimated Bob Carter, the Toyota division general manager.

But Toyota also announced what Carter called "the most far-reaching [incentive] program that Toyota has ever conducted," beginning immediately and extending through April 5. It includes zero-percent loans or hugely discounted lease prices on a range of models that covers about 80 percent of Toyota's business.

"It's aggressive," Carter said, "but rather than just discounting our vehicles, it shows our long-term confidence in the value of the Toyota lineup."

For the moment, only GM said right away that it would also offer a new round of incentives: zero-percent financing on models that account for about 55 percent of its volume, but not on any of its hot new sellers such as Chevrolet Camaro and Equinox.

The succession of storms in the

Midwest and, especially, the Northeast and mid-Atlantic affected every automaker to some degree, of course, but GM seemed to make the point that its business might have been hurt worst. GM sold 14 percent more vehicles during February than a year earlier, largely on the strength of extremely robust fleet sales.

But GM figured that retail sales in its Northeast region for Chevrolet were down 17 percent, as snows kept customers from showrooms -- or outright shut dealerships -- while Chevy's retail sales rose in every other region of the country.

OEM executives on Tuesday continued to point to economic storm clouds hovering over the industry's long-term outlook, as regular reports on business and household finances provide a mixed picture at best. "The primary risk is in the housing market and in [weak] employment," said Michael DiGiovanni, GM's top U.S. market analyst.

And, said Ford's Czubay, "Consumer confidence seems to have reached a plateau."

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